

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND DECISIONS TAKEN BY
THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1992**

*Part I. Questions considered by the Security Council under its responsibility for the
maintenance of international peace and security*

CENTRAL AMERICA: EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE¹

Decisions

On 3 January 1992, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:²

"The members of the Security Council have noted with appreciation the briefing provided by the Secretary-General on the agreement signed late in the night of 31 December 1991 by the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional which, when implemented, will put a definite end to the Salvadorian armed conflict. The members of the Council warmly welcomed the agreement which is of vital importance for the normalization of the situation in El Salvador and in the region as a whole. They place on record their thanks and appreciation for the enormous contribution of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy for Central America, their collaborators, and all the Governments, especially those of Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Venezuela, that have assisted the Secretary-General in his efforts.

"The members of the Council urge the parties to show maximum flexibility in resolving the pending issues in the negotiations at United Nations Headquarters in New York starting this weekend. They also urge the parties to exercise maximum restraint and to take no action in the coming days which would be contrary to the agreement reached in New York and to the excellent spirit in which these talks took place.

"They welcomed the Secretary-General's intention, stated today, to submit a written report and proposals early next week with a view to Council action both regarding verification of cease-fire arrangements and the monitoring of the maintenance of public order pending the establishment of the new National Civil Police. This will require the approval by the Council of new tasks for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador. The members of the Council stand ready to deal expeditiously with any recommendations that the Secretary-General may make."

At its 3030th meeting, on 14 January 1992, the Council decided to invite the representative of El Salvador to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled

"Central America: efforts towards peace - report of the Secretary-General (S/23402 and Add.1)".³

**Resolution 729 (1992)
of 14 January 1992**

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 637 (1989) of 27 July 1989,

Recalling also its resolution 714 (1991) of 30 September 1991, as well as the statement made by the President of the Security Council on behalf of its members on 3 January 1992² following the signature of the Act of New York⁴ on 31 December 1991,

Recalling further its resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991 by which it established the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador,

Welcoming the conclusion of agreements between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional, which are to be signed at Mexico City on 16 January 1992 and which, when implemented, will put a definitive end to the Salvadorian armed conflict and will open the way for national reconciliation,

Calling upon both parties to continue to exercise maximum moderation and restraint and to take no action which would be contrary to or adversely affect the agreements to be signed in Mexico City,

Expressing its conviction that a peaceful settlement in El Salvador will make a decisive contribution to the Central American peace process,

Welcoming the intention of the Secretary-General to convey shortly to the Council his recommendation on the termination of the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America,

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General of 10 and 13 January 1992;⁵

2. *Decides*, on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General and in accordance with the provisions of resolution 693 (1991), to enlarge the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador to include the verification and monitoring of the implementation of all the agreements once these are signed at Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional, in particular the Agreement on the Cessation of the Armed Conflict and the Agreement on the Establishment of a National Civil Police;

3. *Also decides* that the mandate of the Mission, enlarged in accordance with the present resolution, will be extended to 31 October 1992 and that it will be reviewed at that time on the basis of recommendations to be presented by the Secretary-General;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to increase the strength of the Mission as recommended in his report;

5. *Calls upon* both parties to respect scrupulously and to implement in good faith the commitments assumed by them under the agreements which are to be signed at Mexico City and to cooperate fully with the Mission in its task of verifying the implementation of these agreements;

6. *Reaffirms its support* for the Secretary-General's continuing mission of good offices with regard to the Central American peace process, and in particular for his observations in paragraphs 17 to 19 of the report regarding his intention to continue, as was foreseen in the Geneva Agreement of 4 April 1990⁶ concerning the process which is to end definitively the armed conflict, to rely on the Governments of Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Venezuela, as well as other States and groups of States, to support him in the exercise of his responsibilities;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed of developments relating to the implementation of the present resolution and to report on the operations of the Mission before the expiry of the new mandate period.

Adopted unanimously at the 3030th meeting

Decision

At its 3031st meeting, on 16 January 1992, the Council discussed the item entitled "Central America: efforts towards peace - report of the Secretary-General (S/23421)".³

Resolution 730 (1992) of 16 January 1992

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 719 (1991) of 6 November 1991,

Recalling also its resolution 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992,

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General of 14 January 1992;⁷

2. *Decides*, in accordance with the recommendation in paragraph 7 of the report, to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America with effect from 17 January 1992.

Adopted unanimously at the 3031st meeting

Decisions

In a letter dated 16 January 1992⁸ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to resolution 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992 by which the Council had decided to enlarge the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador to include the verification of the implementation of the Peace Agreement for El Salvador which had been signed at Mexico City on 16 January 1992.⁹

The Secretary-General stated that in accordance with that resolution, and having carried out the necessary consultations, it was his intention to appoint Brigadier General Victor Suanzes Pardo, of Spain, as Chief Military Observer and commander of the military division of the Mission. He reported that Brigadier General Suanzes Pardo was currently serving as Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Mission in Central America and that his mandate would terminate on 17 January 1992, in accordance with resolution 730 (1992) of 16 January 1992.

In a letter dated 17 January 1992,¹⁰ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 16 January 1992 concerning the appointment of the Chief Military Observer and commander of the military division of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador⁸ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They agree with the proposal contained in your letter."

In a letter dated 3 February 1992¹¹ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to resolution 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992, by which the Council had decided "to enlarge the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador to include the verification and monitoring of the implementation of all the agreements once these are signed at Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional, in particular the Agreement on the Cessation of the Armed Conflict and the Agreement on the Establishment of a National Civil Police".