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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS¹ CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) CON-
CERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA (UNOMIL)

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

7 October 1993

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to Security Council resolution 866 (1993)² of 22 September, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL). In paragraph 4 of this document, the Council requested me to conclude with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) an agreement defining, before deployment of UNOMIL, the roles and responsibilities of the Mission and ECOWAS in the implementation of the Cotonou Peace Agreement.

As missions established by two different organizations and placed under separate authorities, UNOMIL and the ECOWAS Military Observer Group (ECOMOG) will each have a distinct identity. Each mission will determine its own concept of operations in close cooperation and consultation with the other. UNOMIL will be responsible to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and ECOMOG will answer to the Chairman of ECOWAS. UNOMIL will be led in the field by my Special Representative and will be composed of a military and a civil component. Command of the military component will be entrusted to a Chief Military Observer reporting to me through my Special Representative. I believe that ECOMOG is led by a field commander.

The purpose of this letter is to define the respective roles and responsibilities of UNOMIL and ECOMOG in the implementation of the military aspects of the Cotonou Agreement. You will recall that, in my report of 9 September addressed to the Security Council (S/26422),³ I noted that in accordance with the Cotonou Agreement, ECOMOG was assigned the primary responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement, and it was envisaged that UNOMIL would monitor the various implementation procedures in order to verify their impartial application.

In this respect, and in accordance with the concept of operations of UNOMIL outlined in my report, I should like to formulate the following proposals:

¹ Came into force on 4 November 1993 by the exchange of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1993* (S/INF/49), p. 110.

³ United Nations, *Report of the Secretary-General on Liberia*, 9 September 1993 (S/26422).