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In a letter dated 12 August 1992,¹⁹⁵ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to Security Council resolution 767 (1992) of 27 July 1992, by which the Council had urged all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to cooperate with the United Nations with a view to the urgent deployment of the United Nations security personnel called for in paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992. The Secretary-General also reported that his Special Representative for Somalia had reported that both principal factions in Mogadishu had now agreed to the immediate deployment of a 500-strong security force as part of the United Nations Operation in Somalia. Having completed the necessary consultations, he proposed that this force be composed of a contingent from Pakistan, which had expressed its readiness in principle to make the necessary personnel available to the Operation. He intended to proceed with the deployment of this security force as soon as possible.

In a letter dated 14 August 1992,¹⁹⁶ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 12 August 1992¹⁹⁵ concerning the composition of a 500-strong security force as part of the United Nations Operation in Somalia pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992 and 767 (1992) of 27 July 1992 has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They agree with the proposal contained in your letter."

At its 3110th meeting, on 28 August 1992, the Council decided to invite the representative of Somalia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Somalia: report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/24480 and Add.1)".⁶³

Resolution 775 (1992) of 28 August 1992

The Security Council,

Considering the request by Somalia for the Security Council to consider the situation in Somalia,¹⁷⁴

Reaffirming its resolutions 733 (1992) of 23 January 1992, 746 (1992) of 17 March 1992, 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992 and 767 (1992) of 27 July 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 24 and 28 August 1992 on the situation in Somalia,¹⁹⁷

Deeply concerned about the availability of arms and ammunition and the proliferation of armed banditry throughout Somalia,

Alarmed by the continued sporadic outbreak of hostilities in several parts of Somalia leading to continued loss of life and

destruction of property, and putting at risk the personnel of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and other international humanitarian organizations, as well as disrupting their operations,

Deeply disturbed by the magnitude of the human suffering caused by the conflict and concerned that the situation in Somalia constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Gravely alarmed by the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Somalia and underlining the urgent need for quick delivery of humanitarian assistance in the whole country,

Reaffirming that the provision of humanitarian assistance in Somalia is an important element in the effort of the Council to restore international peace and security in the area,

Welcoming the ongoing efforts by the United Nations organizations as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross, non-governmental organizations and States to provide humanitarian assistance to the affected population in Somalia,

Welcoming in particular the initiatives to provide relief through airlift operations,

Convinced that no durable progress will be achieved in the absence of an overall political solution in Somalia,

Taking note in particular of paragraph 24 of the report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General of 24 and 28 August 1992 on the situation in Somalia¹⁹⁷ on the findings of the technical team and the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained therein;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to establish four zone headquarters as proposed in paragraph 31 of the report;

3. *Authorizes* the increase in strength of the United Nations Operation in Somalia and the subsequent deployment as recommended in paragraph 37 of the Secretary-General's report;

4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to increase substantially the airlift operation to areas of priority attention;

5. *Calls upon* all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to cooperate with the United Nations with a view to the urgent deployment of the United Nations security personnel called for in paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 751 (1992) and as recommended in paragraph 37 of the Secretary-General's report;

6. *Welcomes also* the material and logistical support from a number of States and urges that the airlift operation be effectively coordinated by the United Nations as described in paragraphs 17 to 21 of the report of the Secretary-General;

7. *Urges* all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to facilitate the efforts of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and humanitarian organizations to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the affected population in Somalia and reiterates its call for full respect for the security and safety of the personnel of these organizations and the guarantee of their complete freedom of movement in and around Mogadishu and other parts of Somalia;

8. *Reiterates its appeal* to the international community to provide adequate financial and other resources for humanitarian efforts in Somalia;

9. *Encourages* ongoing efforts of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and humanitarian organizations, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, and non-governmental organizations to ensure delivery of humanitarian assistance to all regions of Somalia, and underlines the importance of coordination between these efforts;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue, in close cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, his efforts to seek a comprehensive political solution to the crisis in Somalia;

11. *Calls upon* all parties, movements and factions in Somalia immediately to cease hostilities and to maintain a cease-fire throughout the country;

12. *Stresses* the need for the observance and strict monitoring of the general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia, as decided in paragraph 5 of its resolution 733 (1992);

13. *Calls upon* all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter until a peaceful solution is achieved.

Adopted unanimously at the 3110th meeting

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In a letter dated 1 September 1992,¹⁹⁸ addressed to the President of the Security Council, the Secretary-General referred to paragraph 37 of his report of 24 August 1992 on the situation in Somalia,¹⁹⁹ in which he had indicated that it would be for the Council to authorize the increases in the strength of the United Nations Operation in Somalia that he had recommended. These would relate to the establishment of four zone headquarters and to the deployment of four additional security units, each with a strength of up to 750 all ranks. On 28 August 1992 he had circulated an addendum to his report,²⁰⁰ indicating that an operation of this size and complexity would require an elaborate logistic, communications and medical support which would be best provided by three specialized units, estimated at

up to 719 all ranks at the early stage of deployment. The addendum also contained the cost estimates for the enlargement of the Operation, including the logistic components. The Secretary-General added that it would appear that in its resolution 775 (1992) of 28 August 1992, the Council had only referred to paragraph 37 of the report of 24 August 1992 but not to the addendum. The purpose of the Secretary-General's letter was to bring this matter to the attention of the Council and to request the Council, through the President, to extend the applicability of the authorization contained in paragraph 3 of resolution 775 (1992) to cover also the logistic support unit. The Secretary-General stated that the total strength of the Operation should be 4,219 all ranks (3,000 security personnel, including the unit of 500 already authorized for Mogadishu, and 719 all ranks for the logistic units).

In a letter dated 8 September 1992,²⁰¹ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 1 September 1992¹⁹⁸ concerning the logistic support unit of the United Nations Operation in Somalia has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council, who are in agreement with the proposal contained in that letter."

In a letter dated 1 September 1992,²⁰² addressed to the President of the Security Council, the Secretary-General referred to paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 775 (1992) of 28 August 1992. In order to give effect to the authorization for the increase in strength of the United Nations Operation in Somalia, he had undertaken consultations with the following Governments: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland. In view of the urgent need to deploy these units, he requested the Council's approval to the above list of prospective troop-contributing Governments and stated that he would inform the Security Council of the outcome of his consultations and of the final list of troop-contributing Governments selected for this operation.

In another letter dated 8 September 1992,²⁰³ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 1 September 1992²⁰² concerning the increase in strength of the United Nations Operation in Somalia has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. The members of the Council agree to the recommendation contained in that letter."

On 16 October 1992, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement to the media on behalf of the members of the Council:²⁰⁴

"The Council heard today a communication from Mr. Sahnoun, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia. On this occasion, the members of the