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## **Resolution 12345 (XXXX)**

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*The Security Council,*

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, and national unity of the Republic of Bogaland,

*Reaffirming* the basic principles of peacekeeping, including consent of the parties, impartiality, and non-use of force, except in self-defence and defence of the mandate, and recognizing that the mandate of each peacekeeping mission is specific to the need and situation of the country concerned,

*Condemning* strongly the offensive launched by terrorist, extremist and armed groups towards the Republic of Bogaland and stressing that terrorism can only be defeated by a sustained and comprehensive approach involving the active participation and collaboration of all States, and regional and international organizations to impede, impair, and isolate the terrorist threat, and reaffirming that terrorism could not and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization,

*Welcoming* the swift action by the African Union (AU) forces, at the request of the authorities of Republic of Bogaland, to stop the offensive of terrorist, extremist and armed groups towards the Republic of Bogaland and *commending* the efforts to restore the territorial integrity of Republic of Bogaland by the Bogaland National Army (BNA) and Bogaland National police (BNP), with the support of AU forces,

*Stressing* the need to work expeditiously toward the restoration of democratic governance and constitutional order, including through the holding of free, fair, transparent and inclusive presidential and legislative elections and *emphasizing* the importance for the authorities of Republic of Bogaland to move swiftly in a process of inclusive dialogue and active engagement with Bogaland political groups, including those who have previously advocated independence, are prepared to cease hostilities, have cut off all ties with terrorist organizations and

who recognize, without conditions, the unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of Bogaland State,

*Remaining seriously concerned* over the significant ongoing food and humanitarian crisis in the Republic of Bogaland and over the insecurity which hinders humanitarian access, exacerbated by the presence of armed groups, terrorist and criminal networks, and their activities, the presence of landmines as well as the continued proliferation of weapons from within and outside the region that threatens the peace, security, and stability of States in this region,

*Emphasizing* the need for all parties to uphold and respect the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence in order to ensure the continued provision of humanitarian assistance, the safety of civilians receiving assistance and the security of humanitarian personnel operating in The Republic of Bogaland and *stressing* the importance of humanitarian assistance being delivered on the basis of need,

*Condemning strongly* all abuses and violations of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law, including those involving extrajudicial executions, arbitrary arrests and detentions, and sexual and gender-based violence, forced amputations, as well as killing, maiming, recruitment and use of children, attacks against schools and hospitals, forced displacements, and destruction of cultural and historical heritage, committed in the Republic of Bogaland by any group or individuals, *noting*, especially, widespread abuses of human rights by terrorist, extremist and armed groups in the Republic of Bogaland,

*Condemning strongly* the reports of retaliatory attacks, including those based on ethnicity and those allegedly perpetrated by members of the Bogaland National Army and Bogaland National Police against civilians, and *calling upon* all parties to bring an end to such violations and abuses and to comply with their obligations under applicable international law,

*Reiterating*, in this regard, that all perpetrators of such acts must be held accountable and that some of such acts referred to in the paragraph above may amount to crimes under the Rome Statute and taking *note* that the authorities of the Republic of Bogaland referred the situation in Bogaland to the International Criminal Court and that the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court opened an investigation into alleged crimes committed on the territory of Republic of Bogaland,

*Taking note* of the listing of some groups active in the Republic of Bogaland on the War Against Humanity (WAH) sanctions list including South Resistance Army (SRA) and Black Lions (BL) , in accordance with the established listing criteria,

*Expressing its continued concern* over the serious threats posed by transnational organized crime especially in the South West and “Triad” region, and its increasing links, in some cases, with terrorism, and *strongly condemning* the

incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking with the aim of raising funds or gaining political concessions, *noting* the increase in such kidnappings in the South West and “Triad” region, and *underscoring* the urgent need to address these issues,

*Expressing its determination* to combat kidnapping and hostage-taking, in accordance with applicable international law and,

*Encouraging* international coordination to consolidate political and security progress in the Republic of Bogaland, and in this regard, regular meetings of the Support and International Contact Group (ICGB) on the Situation in Bogaland, established by the Security Council on D-140, and *welcoming* the conclusions of meeting of the International Contact Group,

*Taking note of* the letter, addressed to the Secretary-General by the authorities of Bogaland, which requests the deployment of a United Nations operation to stabilize and restore the authority and the sovereignty of the Republic of Bogaland State throughout its national territory,

*Taking note of* the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Bogaland, which requests the deployment of a United Nations stabilization operation to stabilize and restore the authority and the sovereignty of the Republic of Bogaland State throughout its national territory,

*Emphasizing* that the authorities of the Republic of Bogaland have primary responsibility for resolving the interlinked challenges facing their country and protecting all their citizens and that any sustainable solution to the crisis in Bogaland should be Bogaland-owned, including a political process, also emphasizing that the cooperation among the countries of the region will be crucial for lasting peace and stability in Bogaland,

*Encouraging* the international community to provide broad support to resolve the crisis in Bogaland through coordinated actions for immediate and long-term needs, encompassing security, governance, development and humanitarian issues, *looking forward* to the high-level international donors’ conference in Visby,

*Commending* the contributions already made toward the Consolidated Appeal for Bogaland and *urging* all Member States and other donors to contribute generously for humanitarian operations,

*Determining* that the situation in Bogaland constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

*Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,*

1. *Urges* the authorities of the Republic of Bogaland to hold free, fair transparent and inclusive presidential and legislative elections as soon as technically possible, *welcomes* the stated commitment of the authorities of Bogaland to organize presidential elections and legislative elections, *stresses* the importance of ensuring an environment conducive to the holding of elections, in particular a secure environment prior to, during and following the electoral period, equitable access to State-controlled media and provision for all eligible persons, including internally displaced persons and refugees, to participate in the electoral process and *calls upon* Member States, regional and international organizations, as requested by the authorities of Bogaland, to provide support to the electoral process, including through financial resources, electoral observation capacity and related technical assistance;

2. *Demands* that all armed groups in Bogaland put aside their arms and cease hostilities immediately and *urges* all such parties in Bogaland who have cut off all ties with terrorist organizations such as South Resistance Army, Black Lions and associated terrorist groups and who recognize, without conditions, the unity and territorial integrity of the authorities of Bogaland to engage expeditiously in an inclusive negotiation process, facilitated by the Secretary-General, in particular through his/her Special Representative for Bogaland when appointed as referred to paragraph 6 below,

3. *Calls upon* the international community, through the Support and International Contact Group on the Situation in Bogaland, to meet regularly in Bogaland and, as may be required, outside Bogaland, to assist the authorities of Bogaland to implement the road map and monitor the progress made in this regard and to continue contributing to the promotion of lasting peace, stability, and reconciliation in Bogaland, *request* Secretary-General to facilitate the convening of the Support and International Contact Group on the Situation in Bogaland;

4. *Demands* that no member of the Bogaland National Army and Bogaland National Police shall undermine and obstruct the implementation of the road map or the efforts of the international community to foster political and security progress in Bogaland, *stresses* the importance of Bogaland civilian control and oversight of the Bogaland National Army, and Security Forces and *expresses its readiness* to consider appropriate measures, as necessary, against those who take action that undermines the peace, stability, and security, including those who prevent the implementation of constitutional order;

5. *Calls for* tangible achievements in the political process in Bogaland, which are of critical significance for the successful deployment and activities of UNMIB;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint expeditiously a Special Representative for Bogaland and Head of Mission of UNMIB, who shall, from the date of appointment, assume overall authority on the ground for the coordination

of all the activities of the United Nations, and its agencies, funds and programmes, in Bogaland and shall use good offices and coordinate efforts of the international community in order to support the priority elements as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 above and who shall, from the transfer of authority from AU to UNMIB, lead all tasks of the mandate of UNMIB as defined in paragraph XX below, and coordinate the overall support of the international community in Bogaland, including in the field of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (SSR), *further emphasizes* that the Special Representative shall ensure optimal coordination between UNMIB and the United Nations Country Team in Bogaland, in connection with the aspects of their respective mandates;

7. *Decides* that UNMIB will comprise up to 10,000 military personnel, and 1200 Police personnel, *calls upon* Member States to provide troops and police with adequate capabilities and equipment in order to enhance the capacity of UNMIB to operate, and discharge its responsibilities, effectively and *requests* the Secretary-General to recruit qualified staff, who have professional experience and skills appropriate to the tasks defined under applicable competency areas in paragraphs 8 and 9 below;

8. *Decides that* the mandate of UNMIB shall be the following:

(a) *Stabilization of key population centres and support for the reestablishment of State authority throughout the country*

(i) In support of the authorities of Bogaland, to stabilize the key population centres, in this context, to deter threats and take active steps to prevent the activity of armed elements by the use all necessary means to those areas;

(ii) To support the authorities of Bogaland to extend and re-establish State administration throughout the country;

(iii) To support national and international efforts towards rebuilding the Bogaland security sector, especially the police and gendarmerie through technical assistance, joint operations, capacity-building, co-location and mentoring programmes, as well as the rule of law and justice sectors, within its capacities and in close coordination with other bilateral partners, donors and international organizations engaged in these fields, including the INTERPOL, AU and EU;

(iv) To assist the authorities of Bogaland, through training and other support, in mine action and weapons and ammunition management;

(v) To assist the authorities of Bogaland in developing and implementing programmes for the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) of former combatants and the dismantling of militias and self-defence groups, consistent with the objectives of reconciliation and taking into account the specific needs of demobilized children;

*(b) Support for the implementation of the transitional road map, including the national political dialogue and the electoral process*

(i) To assist the authorities of Bogaland to implement swiftly the transitional road map towards the full restoration of constitutional order, democratic governance and national unity in Bogaland;

(ii) To exercise good offices, confidence-building and facilitation at the national and local levels, including through local partners as appropriate, in order to anticipate, prevent, mitigate and resolve conflict;

(iii) To assist the authorities of Bogaland and communities in the north of Bogaland to facilitate progress towards an inclusive national dialogue and reconciliation process, by enhancing negotiation capacity and promoting the participation of civil society, including women's organizations;

(iv) To support the organization and conduct of inclusive, free, fair and transparent presidential and legislative elections, including through the provision of appropriate logistical and technical assistance and effective security arrangements;

*(c) Protection of civilians and United Nations personnel*

(i) To protect, without prejudice to the responsibility of the authorities of Bogaland, civilians under imminent threat of physical violence, within its capacities and areas of deployment;

(ii) To provide specific protection for women and children affected by armed conflict, including through the deployment of Child Protection Advisors and Women Protection Advisors, and address the needs of victims of sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflict;

(iii) To protect the United Nations personnel, installations and equipment and ensure the security and freedom of movement of United Nations and associated personnel;

*(d) Promotion and protection of human rights*

(i) To monitor, help investigate and report to the Council on any abuses or violations of human rights or violations of international humanitarian law committed throughout Bogaland and to contribute to efforts to prevent such violations and abuses;

(ii) To support, in particular, the full deployment of UNMIB human rights observers throughout the country;

(iii) To monitor, help investigate and report to the Council specifically on violations and abuses committed against children as well as violations committed against women including all forms of sexual violence in armed conflict;

(iv) To assist the authorities of Bogaland in their efforts to promote and protect human rights;

*(e) Support for humanitarian assistance*

In support of the authorities of Bogaland, to contribute to the creation of a secure environment for the safe, civilian-led delivery of humanitarian assistance, in accordance with humanitarian principles, and the voluntary return of internally displaced persons and refugees in close coordination with humanitarian actors;

*(f) Support for cultural preservation*

To assist the transitional authorities of Bogaland, as necessary and feasible, in protecting from attack the cultural and historical sites in Bogaland, in collaboration with UNESCO;

*(g) Support for national and international justice*

To support, as feasible and appropriate, the efforts of the transitional authorities of Bogaland, without prejudice to their responsibilities, to bring to justice those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Bogaland.

9. *Authorizes* UNMIB to use all necessary means, within the limits of its capacities and areas of deployment, to carry out its mandate as set out in paragraphs 8 (a) (i) and (ii), 8 (c) (i) and (iii), 8 (e), 8 (f) and 8 (g) and requests UNMIBs civilian, military and police components to coordinate their work with the aim of supporting the tasks outlined in paragraph 8 above;