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**Resolution 1544 (THIS YEAR): The Situation in Swarlana****Adopted by the Security Council at its 5000th meeting, on 01 May this year**

*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions and statements on Swarlana, including, most recently, resolution 1543 of 04 February this year.

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Swarlana,

*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,

*Expressing its continued concern* over the serious threats posed by transnational organized crime in the Leppko region, and *condemning strongly* incidents of kidnapping, hostage taking, banditry, and illicit trafficking of humans, goods, and minerals.

*Taking note* of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement reached by some of the key parties on 28 January this year in Kalari, Cimoso and urging all parties to work without delay towards a broad political consensus and national elections in January next year,

*Reaffirming* that the primary responsibility for implementing the Kalari CPA rests with the parties, and urging the parties to move forward with implementation of these agreements immediately,

*Welcoming* the establishment of a new inclusive, free and fair transitional government of Swarlana.

*Emphasizing* that the transitional authorities of Swarlana 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 Swarlana should be Swarlenian owned, and *stressing* the need for all parties to safeguard the welfare and security of humanitarian workers and UN personnel in accordance with applicable rules and principles of international law,

*Welcoming* the swift deployment of the Interim Multinational Force as authorized by resolution 1543 (this year) and *commending* the efforts of member states and regional organizations that support this deployment in Swarlana,

*Expressing* its utmost concern at the dire consequences of the prolonged conflict for the civilian population throughout Swarlana, in particular the increase in the number of refugees and internally displaced persons,

*Stressing* the urgent need for substantial humanitarian assistance to the Swarlenian population,

*Condemning strongly* all 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 and forced displacements committed by any group, and further *condemning* retaliatory attacks based on ethnicity and those allegedly perpetrated by members of the Forces for the Defence of Swarlana, and *calling* upon all parties to bring an end to such violations and abuses and to comply with their obligations under applicable international law,

*Recalling* also its resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on women, peace and security, and its resolution 1674 (2006) on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, condemning any sexual violence and encouraging the Secretary-General to mainstream a gender perspective,

*Recognizing* the importance of the protection of children in armed conflict, in accordance with its resolution 1379 (2001) and related resolutions,

*Taking note* that lasting stability in Swarlana will depend on peace in the sub-region, and emphasizing the importance of cooperation among the countries of the sub-region toward this end, as well as the need for coordination of UN efforts to contribute to the consolidation of peace and security in the sub-region,

*Taking note of* the report of the Secretary-General (S/this year/2GZ), dated 25<sup>th</sup> April this year on the situation in Swarlana, including recommendations and options for establishing a United Nations Stabilization Mission in Swarlana,

*Determining* that the situation in Swarlana continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region, to stability on the 8<sup>th</sup> Continent and to the peace process for Swarlana,

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

1. *Urges* the transitional authorities in Swarlana to hold free, transparent and inclusive presidential and legislative elections in January next year, *stressing* 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;
2. *Decides* to establish the United National Stabilization Mission in Swarlana (UNSMS), requests the Secretary-General to subsume the United Nations Office in Swarlana (UNOS) into UNSMS, with UNSMS assuming responsibility for the discharge of UNOS's mandated tasks, as of the date of this resolution, further *decides* that the authority be transferred from IMF to UNSMS on 1 June this year, at which point UNSMS shall commence the implementation of its mandate as defined below for an initial period of 12 months;
3. *Reiterates* that Member States and regional and international organizations are urged to continue to provide coordinated support to the IMF pursuant to its resolution 1543, until the transfer of authority from the IMF to UNSMS
4. *Decides* that UNSMS will comprise up to 10,000 military personnel, and *calls upon* Member States to provide troops with adequate capabilities and equipment in order to enhance the capacity of UNSMS to operate, discharge its responsibilities effectively;
5. *Decides* that the mandate of UNSMS shall be the following:

*(a) Support for Implementation of the Ceasefire Agreement:*

- i. to observe and monitor the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and investigate violations of the ceasefire;
- ii. to establish and maintain continuous liaison with the field headquarters of all parties' military forces;

*(b) Support for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration:*

- i. to assist in the development and implementation of a voluntary national disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programme for all armed parties, and to collect, store or destroy weapons and ammunition as part of an organized DDR programme as agreed by the Kalari CPA of 28 January this year, and in cooperation with relevant international organizations and donor nations;
- ii. to support the immediate and early release of all boys and girls associated with the armed forces in coordination with specialized agencies;
- iii. to support the reintegration and rehabilitation of former combatants with particular regard to the needs of associated children and women, and addressing the inclusion of non-Swarlenian combatants;
- iv. to assist with the Disarmament and Dismantling of Irregular Armed Groups.

*(c) Protection of United Nations Staff, Facilities and Civilians:*

- i. to protect UN personnel, facilities, installations and equipment, ensure the security and freedom of movement of its personnel and, without prejudice to the efforts of GoS, to protect civilians under imminent threat of physical violence, within its capabilities;

*(d) Support for Humanitarian and Human Rights Assistance:*

- i. to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance, including by helping to establish the necessary security conditions to protect refugees and internally displaced persons;
- ii. to ensure an adequate human rights presence, capacity and expertise within UNSMS to carry out human rights promotion, protection and monitoring activities;
- iii. to monitor the human rights situation, to contribute towards international efforts to protect and promote human rights in Swarlana, with particular attention to vulnerable groups including refugees, returning refugees and internally displaced persons, abductees, women, children including children formerly associated with armed forces, as well as provide human rights technical assistance as needed in close cooperation with other UN agencies, government organizations and non-governmental organizations;

*(e) Support for Security Sector Reform:*

- i. to assist the new GoS in monitoring and restructuring of the police force of Swarlana, consistent with democratic policing and international standards, to develop a civilian police training programme, and to otherwise assist in the training of civilian police in cooperation with interested organizations and interested States;
- ii. to assist the new transitional Government in the formation of a new and restructured Swarlana military in cooperation with international organizations and interested States;

*(f) Support for Implementation of the Peace Process:*

- i. to assist the new transitional Government in conjunction with other international partners to reestablish national authority throughout the country, including the establishment of a functioning administrative structure at both the national and local levels;
- ii. to assist the new transitional Government in restoring proper administration of natural resources;
- iii. to assist the new transitional Government in preparing for national elections to be held no later than the end of 2017;
- iv. to assist the new transitional Government in conjunction with other international partners in developing a strategy to consolidate governmental institutions, including a national legal framework and judicial and correctional institutions;

4. *Demands* that the Parties (as per the CPA) cease hostilities throughout Swarlana and fulfill their obligations under the Kalari CPA,
5. *Calls upon* all parties to cooperate fully in the deployment and operations of UNSMS, including through ensuring the safety, security and freedom of movement of UN and associated personnel throughout Swarlana;
6. *Underlines* that a gender perspective should be taken into account in implementing all aspects of the mandate of UNSMS, encourages UNSMS to work with the new transitional Government in this area, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure there is adequate capacity, expertise and resources within UNSMS to carry out this work, especially in relation to the need to protect of women and girls from gender-based violence;
7. *Calls upon* the parties to engage, in accordance with Kalari Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) for the purpose of addressing the question of DDR on an urgent basis and urges the parties, in particular the Government of Swarlana, ADC and BFS, to work closely with UNSMS, relevant assistance organizations and donor nations in the implementation of a DDR programme;
8. *Calls upon* the international donor community to provide assistance for the implementation of a DDR programme and sustained international assistance to the peace process, and to contribute to consolidated humanitarian appeals;
9. *Stresses* the need for an effective public information capacity, including the establishment as necessary of United Nations radio stations to promote understanding of the peace process and the role of UNSMS among local communities and the parties;
10. *Encourages* UNSMS within its capabilities and areas of deployment to support the voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons;
11. *Requests* the new transitional Government to conclude a status-of-force agreement with the Secretary-General within 30 days of adoption of this resolution, and notes that pending the conclusion of such an agreement, the model status-of-force agreement dated 9 October 1990 (A/45/594) shall apply provisionally;
12. *Calls upon* all parties to ensure, in accordance with relevant provisions of international law, the full, safe and unhindered access of relief personnel to all those in need, and the delivery of humanitarian assistance, in particular to internally displaced persons and refugees;
13. *Demands* that all parties cease all recruitment and use of children for any military purpose, that all parties cease all human rights violations and atrocities against the Swarlenian population, and stresses the need to bring to justice those responsible;
14. *Reaffirms* the importance of a gender perspective in peacekeeping operations and post-conflict peace building in accordance with resolution 1325 (2000), recalls the need to address violence against women and girls as a tool of warfare, and encourages UNSMS as well as the Swarlenian parties to actively address these issues;
15. *Reiterates* its demand that all States in the region cease military support for armed groups in neighboring countries, take action to prevent armed individuals and groups from using their territory to prepare and commit attacks on neighboring countries and refrain from any actions that might contribute to further destabilization of the situation in the region, and declares its readiness to consider, if necessary, ways of promoting compliance with this demand;
16. *Calls upon* the international community to consider how it might help future economic development in Swarlana aimed at achieving long-term stability in Swarlana and improving the welfare of its people;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide regular updates, including a formal report every 90 days to the Council on the progress in the implementation of the Kalari CPA and this resolution, including the implementation of UNSMS's mandate;
18. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.