

international law which, *inter alia*, reaffirm the freedom of trade and navigation;

3. *Once again urges* States that have and continue to apply such laws and measures to take the necessary steps to repeal or invalidate them as soon as possible in accordance with their legal regime;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate organs and agencies of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter and international law, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba".

48th plenary meeting
3 November 1993

48/17. The situation in Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation in Burundi",

Deeply concerned by the military *coup d'état* which took place in Burundi on 21 October 1993,

Shocked by the cowardly assassination of the President of the Republic and other political leaders,

Seriously disturbed by the tragic consequences of the *coup d'état* which is plunging Burundi into violence, thus causing loss of life and mass displacement of the population with considerable regional repercussions,

1. *Unreservedly condemns* the *coup* which has caused an abrupt and violent interruption of the democratic process initiated in Burundi;

2. *Demands* that the perpetrators of the putsch lay down their arms and return to their barracks;

3. *Also demands* the immediate restoration of democracy and the constitutional regime;

4. *Supports* the efforts being made by the Secretary-General, by the Organization of African Unity and by the countries of the region to promote a return to constitutional order and the protection of democratic institutions in Burundi;

5. *Commends* the Secretary-General for having sent a special envoy to Burundi;

6. *Requests* the States Members of the United Nations, international organizations, intergovernmental organs and non-governmental organizations to provide emergency humanitarian assistance and/or any other assistance to the people of Burundi;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter until a solution to the crisis is found.

48th plenary meeting
3 November 1993

48/18. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/21 of 25 November 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States,²⁷

Conscious of the statement in the report of the Secretary-General that "delay in completing the withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories" of Estonia and Latvia "is rightly a matter of concern to the international community",²⁸

Considering that the United Nations, pursuant to the provisions of its Charter, has a major role to play in, and responsibility for, the maintenance of international peace and security,

Mindful that the timely application of preventive diplomacy is the most desirable and efficient means of easing tensions before they result in conflict,

Recalling with particular satisfaction that independence was restored in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania through peaceful and democratic means,

Recognizing that the stationing of foreign military forces in the territories of Estonia and Latvia without the required consent of those countries is a problem remaining from the past that must be resolved in a peaceful manner,

Welcoming the withdrawal of the military forces of the Russian Federation from the territory of Lithuania, which was completed on 31 August 1993 in accordance with a previously agreed timetable,

Welcoming also the progress achieved in reducing the foreign military presence in Estonia and Latvia,

Concerned that the bilateral talks on the complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of Estonia and Latvia, initiated in February 1992, have not yet yielded agreements, as called for in resolution 47/21,

Recognizing that the completion of the withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of Estonia and Latvia will facilitate the consolidation of their restored independence and the rebuilding of their economies,

Welcoming further the good offices mission that the Secretary-General recently sent to the Baltic States and the Russian Federation in pursuit of the implementation of resolution 47/21,

Recalling the "Helsinki Document 1992 - the Challenges of Change",²⁹ in particular paragraph 15 of the Helsinki Summit Declaration, agreed upon at the meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe held at Helsinki on 9 and 10 July 1992,

Recognizing also that the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is a regional arrangement in the sense

such provides an important link between European and global security,

Recognizing further that regional organizations participating in complementary efforts with the United Nations may encourage States outside the region to act supportively,

1. *Calls again upon* the States concerned, in line with the basic principles of international law and in order to prevent any possible conflict, to conclude without delay appropriate agreements, including timetables, for the early, orderly and complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of Estonia and Latvia;

2. *Reaffirms its support* for the efforts made by the States participating in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to remove the foreign military forces stationed in the territories of Estonia and Latvia without the required consent of those countries, in a peaceful manner and through negotiations;

3. *Welcomes* the multilateral efforts to help the Russian Federation build housing for troops and their families returning from Estonia and Latvia;

4. *Invites* the States concerned to avoid any statements or actions that may be provocative or unfriendly;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretary-General aimed at the implementation of resolution 47/21, including the sending of a good offices mission to the Baltic States and the Russian Federation;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue to use his good offices to facilitate the complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of Estonia and Latvia;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of progress towards the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States".

*55th plenary meeting
15 November 1993*

48/19. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/10 of 28 October 1992 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe,

Welcoming its resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993 on observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly,

Welcoming also the declaration at the 1992 Helsinki Summit by the heads of State or Government of the participating States

of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe of their understanding that the Conference is a regional arrangement in the sense of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, and as such provides an important link between European and global security,³⁰

Recalling also the documents of the Conference, in particular the Final Act signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe,³¹ the Prague Document on Further Development of the Institutions and Structures of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe,³² the Vienna Document 1992 on Confidence- and Security-building Measures, the Helsinki Document 1992²⁹ and the Summary of Conclusions of the Third Meeting of the Council of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Stockholm on 14 and 15 December 1992,³³

Noting the crucial role of the Conference in the efforts to forestall aggression and violence in the Conference area by addressing the root causes of problems and to prevent, manage and settle conflicts peacefully by appropriate means,

Noting also the comprehensive character of the commitments of the Conference and its concept of indivisible security; its role in promoting human rights, the rule of law and democratic values; its increased capabilities in early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and security cooperation, including the appointment of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Conference; planning for peace-keeping operations and initiatives for further enhancing mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of disputes,

Noting further that the new tasks before the Conference are of an evolving character and require enhanced coordination and cooperation with international organizations, in particular with the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the concrete results in the field already yielded as a result of the framework for cooperation and coordination between the United Nations Secretariat and the Conference, signed on 26 May 1993,³⁴

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe,³⁵

1. *Reiterates* the need for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;

2. *Endorses* the framework for cooperation and coordination between the United Nations Secretariat and the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Conference;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe".

*56th plenary meeting
16 November 1993*