

FACT SHEET 2: **UNAMSIL Mandate**

According to Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, UNAMSIL has the following mandate:

- To cooperate with the Government of Sierra Leone and the other parties to the Peace Agreement in the implementation of the Agreement;
- To assist the Government of Sierra Leone in the implementation of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration plan;
- To that end, to establish a presence at key locations throughout the territory of Sierra Leone, including at disarmament/reception centres and demobilization centers;
- To ensure the security and freedom of movement of United Nations personnel;
- To monitor adherence to the ceasefire in accordance with the ceasefire agreement of 18 May 1999 (S/1999/585, annex) through the structures provided for therein;
- To encourage the parties to create confidence-building mechanisms and support their functioning;
- To facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance;
- To support the operations of United Nations civilian officials, including the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and his staff, human rights officers and civil affairs officers;
- To provide support, as requested, to the elections, which are to be held in accordance with the present constitution of Sierra Leone.

According to Security Council resolution 1289 (2000) of 7 February 2000, the mandate has been revised to include the following tasks (acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations):

- To provide security at key locations and Government buildings, in particular in Freetown, important intersections and major airports, including Lungi airport;
- To facilitate the free flow of people, goods and humanitarian assistance along specified thoroughfares;
- To provide security in and at all sites of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme;
- To coordinate with and assist, the Sierra Leone law enforcement authorities in the discharge of their responsibilities;
- To guard weapons, ammunition and other military equipment collected from ex-combatants and to assist in their subsequent disposal or destruction.

The Council authorized UNAMSIL to take the necessary action to fulfil those additional tasks, and affirmed that, in the discharge of its mandate, UNAMSIL may take the necessary action to ensure the security and freedom of movement of its personnel and, within its capabilities and areas of deployment, to afford protection to civilians under imminent threat of physical violence, taking into account the responsibilities of the Government of Sierra Leone.

According to Security Council resolution 1346 (2001) of 30 March 2001:

“The Security Council ...Welcomes the revised concept of operations for UNAMSIL as set out in paragraphs 57 to 67 of the report of the Secretary-General [S/201/228 of 14 March 2001] and the progress already made towards its implementation, and encourages the Secretary-General to proceed to its completion; ...”

Paragraph 58 of the report reads as follows:

“The main objectives of UNAMSIL in Sierra Leone remain to assist the efforts of the Government of Sierra Leone to extend its authority, restore law and order and stabilize the situation progressively throughout the entire country, and to assist in the promotion of a political process which should lead to a renewed

disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme and the holding, in due course, of free and fair elections.”