

few speakers deplored the fact that those instruments had not yet become fully operational.¹²

At its 4640th meeting, on 31 October 2002, the Council again included in its agenda the letter dated 21 October 2002 from the representative of Cameroon addressed to the President of the Security Council.¹ The President (Cameroon) made a statement on behalf of the Council,¹³ by which the Council, *inter alia*:

Welcomed subregional efforts to promote conflict prevention, management and resolution in Central Africa;

Recognized the important role that regional and subregional organizations could play in preventing the illicit traffic of small arms and light weapons and affirmed the need to promote and strengthen the partnership between the United Nations system and Central African States in relation to the maintenance of peace and security;

Also reaffirmed the importance of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes in the process of conflict resolution in Central Africa;

Recommended the inclusion, where appropriate, of support for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration in the mandates of peacekeeping and peacebuilding operations and emphasized the importance of a comprehensive, integrated, resolute and concerted approach to the issues of peace, security and development in Central Africa.

¹² S/PV.4630, p. 20 (Democratic Republic of the Congo); and p. 23 (Equatorial Guinea).

¹³ S/PRST/2002/31.

19. Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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By a letter dated 29 November 2002 addressed to the President of the Security Council, the representative of Chad informed the Council that, further to his letter relating to the transmission of the document concerning the position of Chad on the Central African crisis, the Government of Chad wished to address the Security Council.¹

At its 4659th meeting, held in private on 9 December 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled "Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council". The members of the Council and the representative of Chad had a constructive discussion.

¹ S/2002/1317.