

17. Security Council meetings in Nairobi (18-19 November 2004)

Initial proceedings

Decision of 26 October 2004 (5063rd meeting): resolution 1569 (2004)

At its 5063rd meeting, on 26 October 2004, the Security Council included in its agenda the item entitled “Security Council meetings in Nairobi (18-19 November 2004)”. The President (United Kingdom) drew attention to a draft resolution;¹ it was then put to the vote and unanimously adopted as resolution 1569 (2004), by which the Council, *inter alia*:

Decided to hold meetings in Nairobi on 18 and 19 November 2004, and that the agenda for those meetings would be “The reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan”;

Decided to discuss the Sudan with representatives of the African Union and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, and to discuss other peace efforts in the region;

Decided to waive the requirement that a verbatim record should be made available on the first working day following the meeting and decided that the verbatim record would be issued subsequently in New York.

¹ S/2004/857.

18. Items relating to the African Union

A. Institutional relationship with the African Union

Initial proceedings

Decision of 19 November 2004 (5084th meeting): statement by the President

At its 5084th meeting, held in Nairobi on 19 November 2004, the Security Council included in its agenda the item entitled “Institutional relationship with the African Union”.¹ The Council heard a briefing by the Chairman of the African Union (Nigeria), following which statements were made by the representatives of Benin and the United Kingdom.

The Chairman of the African Union welcomed the decision of the Council to convene the meeting in Nairobi, which was a confirmation of the importance that the Council attached to African issues. He noted that cooperation between the African Union and the Council

had covered a wide variety of areas, *inter alia*, conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, and development. In particular, he noted the cooperation in Darfur, Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Côte d’Ivoire. He reaffirmed the commitment of the African Union to play a strong role on the continent in the area of conflict resolution, and sustainable peace and development.²

The representative of Benin stated that the creation of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the decision to establish an Africa rapid reaction standby force and an early warning system had created a new structural dynamic, making the African Union a partner of the United Nations in

¹ For more information on the discussion at this meeting, see chap. XII, part III, sect. A, with regard to general considerations of the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter.

² S/PV.5084, p. 2.