

members of the Council reviewed the recommendation on Albania and agreed that, as in the case of the previous recommendations, you should be similarly requested to implement the actions contained in the above-mentioned recommendation on Albania. For this purpose, I am transmitting herewith, for your information and appropriate action, the text of the letter and its enclosure from the Chairman of the Committee.

**Decision of 20 December 1993: letter from the  
President to the Secretary-General**

By a letter dated 14 December 1993 addressed to the President of the Security Council,<sup>626</sup> the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia transmitted, pursuant to resolution 843 (1993), the recommendations of the Committee relating to the requests made by Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for assistance under the provisions of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations.<sup>627</sup>

By a letter dated 20 December 1993,<sup>628</sup> the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General of the following:

By letters dated 6 July and 9 August 1993, respectively, addressed to you by my predecessors in their capacity as President of the Security Council, you were informed, by agreement of all the members of the Council, of the recommendations formulated by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia and submitted to the President by the Chairman of the Committee in respect of the applications made by six States under the provisions of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations. You were also requested to implement the actions contained in those recommendations, as appropriate.

I have now received a further letter dated 10 December 1993, addressed to me by the Chairman of the Committee, submitting recommendations formulated by the Committee in respect of the applications made by Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under the terms of Article 50. In the course of their consultations of the whole today, the members of the Council reviewed the recommendations on Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and agreed that, as in the case of the previous recommendations, you should be similarly requested to implement the actions contained in the above-mentioned recommendations on Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. For this purpose, I am transmitting herewith, for your information and

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<sup>626</sup> S/26040/Add.2.

<sup>627</sup> The recommendations were similar to those previously made.

<sup>628</sup> S/26905.

appropriate action, the text of the letter and its enclosures from the Chairman of the Committee.

**I. Follow-up to resolution 817 (1993):  
letter dated 26 May 1993 from the  
Secretary-General addressed to the  
President of the Security Council**

**Initial proceedings**

**Decision of 18 June 1993 (3243rd meeting):  
resolution 845 (1993)**

By a letter dated 26 May 1993 addressed to the President of the Security Council,<sup>629</sup> the Secretary-General transmitted, pursuant to resolution 817 (1993),<sup>630</sup> his report of 14 May 1993 on the exercise of good offices by the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, in respect of the difference that had arisen in connection with the request for admission to membership in the United Nations of the State admitted as the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.<sup>631</sup> In doing so, he drew the attention of the members of the Council to the fact that an early endorsement by the Council of the proposals contained in annex V to the report would help the parties to reach agreement. Annex V contained a draft Treaty proposed by the Co-Chairmen Confirming the Existing Frontier and Establishing Measures for Confidence Building, Friendship and Neighbourly Cooperation between the Republic of Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Secretary-General noted that the draft Treaty presented to the parties by the Co-Chairmen had been prepared on the basis of extensive consultations with the parties. The main outstanding point of contention remained the name to be used by the State that had been admitted to the United Nations with the provisional name "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". The Greek delegation's position was that the other party should not use, whether for domestic or international purposes, a name that included the word

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<sup>629</sup> S/25855 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>630</sup> Resolution 817 (1993) was adopted at the 3196th meeting of the Council on 7 April 1993 under the item "Admission of New Members". For more information, see chapter VII.

<sup>631</sup> S/25855, annex I.

“Macedonia”. It had indicated, however, that if that term were to be included in a name, then the name “Slavomacedonia” could be envisaged. The delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, for its part, maintained that its name should be “The Republic of Macedonia”. It was, however, prepared to discuss the modalities of the use of an alternative name, but for international purposes only. The Co-Chairmen proposed the name “The Republic of Nova Makedonia”, to be used for all official purposes.

In two addenda to the report submitted on 3 June 1993, the Secretary-General transmitted to the Council a statement made by the Government of Greece on 27 May 1993 and a letter dated 29 May 1993 from the President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, concerning the draft Treaty. In the statement the Government of Greece reiterated its position and added that the name proposed by the Co-Chairmen posed serious difficulties. In his letter, the President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia raised objections to several provisions contained in the Co-Chairmen’s proposed draft Treaty and argued that the constitutional name, “The Republic of Macedonia”, did not imply territorial or other aspirations. On the contrary, confirmation of such a name would represent a significant contribution to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region, which was an essential requirement of resolution 817 (1993).

At its 3243rd meeting, on 18 June 1993, the Council included the item entitled “Follow-up to resolution 817 (1993)” and the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General in its agenda. Following the adoption of the agenda, the President (Spain) drew the attention of the Council members to the text of a draft resolution<sup>632</sup> and to a letter dated 7 June 1993 from the representative of Albania addressed to the President of the Security Council.<sup>633</sup>

The draft resolution was then put to the vote and adopted unanimously as resolution 845 (1993), which reads:

*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 817 (1993) of 7 April 1993, in which it urged Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue to cooperate with the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the

<sup>632</sup> S/25968.

<sup>633</sup> S/25892.

Former Yugoslavia in order to arrive at a speedy settlement of their difference,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of 28 May and 3 June 1993 submitted pursuant to resolution 817 (1993), together with the statement of the Government of Greece and the letter of the President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia dated 27 and 29 May 1993, respectively, annexed thereto,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia for their efforts, and commends to the parties as a sound basis for the settlement of their difference the proposals set forth in annex V to the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Urges* the parties to continue their efforts under the auspices of the Secretary-General to arrive at a speedy settlement of the remaining issues between them;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council informed on the progress of these further efforts, the objective of which is to resolve the difference between the two parties before the commencement of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and to report to the Council on their outcome in good time, and decides to resume consideration of the matter in the light of the report.

**Decision of 15 July 1993: letter from the President to the Secretary-General**

By a letter dated 13 July 1993 addressed to the President of the Security Council, the Secretary-General reported that Mr. Cyrus Vance, the former Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, had accepted his request to continue his good offices to help the parties reach an agreement.<sup>634</sup> Mr. Vance would begin his assignment on 1 August 1993. The Secretary-General hoped, as stated in resolution 845 (1993), that it would be possible to resolve the difference between the parties before the commencement of the forty-eight session of the General Assembly.

By a letter dated 15 July 1993,<sup>635</sup> the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General of the following:

The members of the Council thank you for your letter of 13 July 1993 concerning Security Council resolution 845 (1993) and welcome the acceptance by Mr. Cyrus Vance of your invitation to continue his good offices with the objective of helping the parties to resolve the difference between them before

<sup>634</sup> S/26088.

<sup>635</sup> S/26089.

the commencement of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

**Decision of 11 April 1994: letter from the  
President to the Secretary-General**

By a letter dated 31 March 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council, the Secretary-General updated the Council on the progress of further efforts under his auspices in relation to the difference between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.<sup>636</sup> He reported that the parties had met separately with Mr. Vance in Geneva on 10 March 1994. Mr. Vance had told both parties that the situation had increased in gravity, and that time had been of the essence in reaching an agreement. In order to help the parties to find common ground, he had submitted a draft accord confirming the existing common frontier as an inviolable international border and establishing measures for confidence-building, friendship and neighbourly cooperation, based in substantial part on the draft treaty. Having expressed preliminary views on the draft, the parties had agreed that Mr. Vance should continue to assist them to reach a settlement on the remaining issues.

By a letter dated 11 April 1994,<sup>637</sup> the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General of the following:

The members of the Security Council have considered your letter of 31 March 1994 in which you advised the Council of the progress of further efforts, under your auspices, in relation to the difference between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The members of the Council have asked me to convey to you their support for your efforts and those of your Special Envoy, Mr. Cyrus Vance, and their hope that both parties will cooperate fully with you and Mr. Vance to resolve the difference between them.

The members of the Council request you to keep them fully informed of developments.

**Decision of 7 June 1994: letter from the  
President to the Secretary-General**

On 27 May 1994, pursuant to resolution 845 (1993), the Secretary-General submitted an interim report on the progress of further efforts taken under his auspices by his Special Envoy to resolve the difference

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<sup>636</sup> S/1994/376.

<sup>637</sup> S/1994/415.

between the Governments of Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.<sup>638</sup> He reported that his Special Envoy had held two series of discussions with the parties, with the aim of reaching an agreement on a draft interim accord. The draft interim accord was a condensation of the draft accord which Mr. Vance had given the parties on 10 March 1994. It addressed a limited number of issues, including the question of the frontier between the parties, the interpretation of the Constitution of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the question of “hostile activities and propaganda”, and the “countermeasures” adopted by Greece. The other issues would be left to a second phase. However, it had still not been possible to reach agreement on all points. The parties had therefore agreed to participate in further talks, under the auspices of the Secretary-General’s Special Envoy, around 13 June 1994.

By a letter dated 7 June 1994,<sup>639</sup> the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General of the following:

The members of the Security Council have considered your report of 27 May 1994 pursuant to resolution 845 (1993) concerning the difference between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The members of the Council have asked me to convey to you their appreciation for your efforts and those of your Special Envoy, Mr. Cyrus Vance. They welcome the steps taken so far under your auspices and support your intention to proceed with further discussions as expeditiously as possible. They welcome the fact that both parties have agreed to take part in further talks at the Minister for Foreign Affairs level on or about 13 June 1994. They urge both parties to cooperate fully with you and Mr. Vance in order to reach agreement on outstanding issues as soon as possible.

The members of the Council welcome your intention to report further on the substance of Mr. Vance’s discussions after his meetings with the parties in June.

**Decision of 17 August 1994: letter from the  
President to the Secretary-General**

By a letter dated 5 August 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council, the Secretary-General informed the Council on the progress of further efforts under his auspices, in relation to the difference between Greece and the former Yugoslav

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<sup>638</sup> S/1994/632.

<sup>639</sup> S/1994/679.

Republic of Macedonia.<sup>640</sup> The talks planned for 13 June 1994 had been delayed, for reasons beyond the control of the parties. Instead, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General had met separately with both parties between 10 and 13 July 1994, and had discussed with them the issue of the name. Both parties had agreed to resume discussions with the Special Envoy in the autumn. The Secretary-General himself had met with the Foreign Minister of Greece on 12 July, and with the Foreign Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 13 July 1994. He had emphasized to both parties his concern that they reach an early agreement on a solution to their difference. Both Ministers had confirmed their Government's desire to continue with the discussions under his auspices and had expressly stated their strong preference that Mr. Vance should continue his mission of good offices.

By a letter dated 17 August 1994,<sup>641</sup> the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General of the following:

The members of the Security Council have considered your letter of 5 August 1994 pursuant to resolution 845 (1993) concerning the difference between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The members of the Council have asked me to convey to you their continuing appreciation for your efforts and those of your Special Envoy, Mr. Cyrus Vance. They note that at the latest round of discussions both parties thoroughly reviewed a number of proposals addressing the principal difference of substance, the name.

The members of the Council expressed some concern that, in spite of several rounds of discussions between the parties following the adoption of resolution 845 (1993) on 18 June 1993, the principal difference of substance — the name — remains unresolved. They were also concerned at the possible consequences that continuation of the current situation might have for the maintenance of peace and stability in the region. They fully shared the views you expressed on 12 and 13 July to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia that the parties should reach an early agreement on a solution to the difference between them.

The members of the Council welcome the desire of both parties to continue with discussions under your auspices, and their commitment to resume those discussions with Mr. Vance

this autumn. They call upon both parties to cooperate fully with you and Mr. Vance in order to reach agreement on outstanding issues as soon as possible.

**Decision of 15 September 1995 (3579th meeting): statement by the President**

By a letter dated 13 September 1995 addressed to the President of the Security Council, the Secretary-General informed the Council that the Foreign Ministers of Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had signed a wide-ranging interim accord that day at United Nations Headquarters in New York, in the presence of himself and Mr. Vance.<sup>642</sup> Article 5 of the accord provided, *inter alia*, that the parties would continue negotiations, under the auspices of the Secretary-General and pursuant to resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), to resolve the difference between them with respect to the name of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

At its 3579th meeting, on 15 September 1995, the Council resumed its consideration of the item and included in its agenda the sub-item entitled "Interim Accord between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". Following the adoption of the agenda, the President (Italy) stated that, after consultations among members of the Security Council, he had been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:<sup>643</sup>

The Security Council welcomes the signing of the Interim Accord between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and looks forward to the establishment of a new relationship between the parties based on international law and peaceful, friendly relations. The Council believes the Accord will promote the strengthening of stability in the region.

The Council commends both parties, the Secretary-General, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, Mr. Cyrus Vance, and the United States envoy, Mr. Matthew Nimetz, for their efforts in bringing about this important achievement, pursuant to Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993). The Council encourages them to continue their efforts to resolve the remaining differences between the parties and urges the parties to implement fully the Interim Accord.

<sup>640</sup> S/1994/978.

<sup>641</sup> S/1994/979.

<sup>642</sup> S/1995/794, annex I.

<sup>643</sup> S/PRST/1995/46.