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The Security Council,

Expressing its utmost concerns at the dire consequences of the prolonged conflict for the civilian population throughout Carana, in particular the increase in the number of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDP),

Stressing the urgent need for substantial humanitarian assistance to the Carana population,

Deploring all violations of human rights, particularly atrocities against the civilian populations, including acts of sexual violence, in Carana, and recalling its resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1889 (2009) on women, peace and security, its resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009) on children and armed conflict and its resolution 1674 (2006) and 1894 (2009) on the protection of civilians in armed conflicts,

Commending the efforts of, and reiterating its full support for the 8th Continent Regional Coalition, the United Nations Secretary-General, and the leaders of the region to promote peace and stability in Carana,

Taking note, with appreciation, of the reports of the United Nations Commission on Human rights Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Carana,

Deploring all violations of human rights, particularly against civilian population, and urging the new Carana Government of National Reconciliation (GNR) to take all necessary

measures to put an end to impunity and ensure the continued promotion and protection of human rights,

Emphasising the need for all parties to safeguard the welfare and security of humanitarian workers and United Nations personnel in accordance with applicable rules and principles of international law,

Mindful of the need to hold accountable violations of international humanitarian law and urging the Carana Government of National Reconciliation to ensure the protection of human rights and the establishment of a state based on the rule of law and of an independent judiciary are among its highest priorities,

Taking note of the Kalari Peace Agreement reached by the key parties on 10 May 2015 and *urging* all parties to work without delay towards a broad political consensus on the nature and duration of the political transition,

Welcoming the human rights commitments contained in the Kalari Peace Agreement

Reaffirming that the primary responsibility for implementing the Kalari Peace Agreement rests with the parties, and urging the parties to move forward with implementation of these agreements immediately in order to ensure the peaceful formation of a new GNR,

Noting that lasting stability in Carana will depend on peace in the sub-region, and emphasising the importance of cooperation among the countries of the sub-region, as well as the need for coordination of United Nations efforts to contribute to the consolidation of peace and security,

Determining that the situation in Carana continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region, to stability in the 8th Continent sub-region, and to the peace process for Carana,

Acting under chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to establish the United Nations Assistance Mission Carana (UNAC), for a period of 6 months and further decides that UNAC will consist of up to [6,800] United Nations military personnel, including up to [200] military observers and [160] staff officers, and up to [1250] civilian police officers including formed units to assist in the maintenance of law and order throughout Carana, and the appropriate civilian component;
2. *Welcomes* the appointment by the Secretary-General of his Special Representative for Carana to direct the operations of UNAC and coordinate all United Nations activities in Carana;
3. *Decides* that UNAC shall have the following mandate:

Support for the implementation of the Kalari Peace Agreement:

- (a) to observe and monitor the implementation of the peace agreement and investigate violations of the ceasefire;
- (b) to establish and maintain continuous liaison with the field headquarters of all parties' military forces;
- (c) to develop, as soon as possible, preferably within 30 days of the adoption of the resolution, in cooperation with relevant international financial institutions, international development organisations, the GNR and donor nations, an action plan for the overall implementation of a voluntary disarmament, demobilisation, and reintegration (DDR) programme for all armed parties; with particular attention to the special needs of child combatants and woman; and addressing the inclusion of non-Carana combatants;
- (d) to carry out voluntary disarmament and to collect and destroy weapons and ammunition as part of an organised DDR programme;
- (e) to provide security at key government installations, in particular ports, airports and other vital infrastructure;

Protection of Civilians:

- (f) to ensure the effective protection of civilians, including humanitarian personnel and human rights defenders, under imminent threat of physical violence, in particular violence emanating from any of the parties engaged in the conflict;
- (g) to ensure the protection of United Nations personnel, facilities, installations and equipment;
- (h) to support the efforts of the Carana (GNR) to ensure the protection of civilians from violations of international humanitarian law and human rights abuses, including all forms of sexual and gender-based violence;

Support for Humanitarian and Human Rights Assistance:

- (i) to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance, including by helping to establish the necessary security conditions;

- (j) to monitor the human rights situation, to contribute towards international efforts to protect and promote human rights in Carana and to fight impunity, with particular attention to vulnerable groups including refugees, returning refugees and IDPs, abductees, women, children and demobilised child soldiers, as well as provide human rights technical assistance as needed in close cooperation with other United Nations agencies, related organizations, government organizations and non-governmental organizations;

Support for Security reform:

- (k) To assist the GNR in monitoring and restructuring the police force of Carana, consistent with democratic policing and international standards, to develop a civilian police training programme, and to otherwise assist in the training of civilian police in cooperation with interested organisations and interested States;
- (l) To assist the GNR in the formation of a new and restructured Carana military in cooperation with international organisations and interested States;

Support for Implementation of the Peace Process:

- (m) To assist the GNR in conjunction with other international partners, in re-establishment of national authority throughout the country, including the establishment of functioning administrative structures at both national and local level;
 - (n) To assist the government in restoring proper administration of natural resources;
 - (o) To assist the new transitional government in preparing for national elections scheduled for no later than the end of 2016;
 - (p) To assist the new transitional government in conjunction with other international partners in developing a strategy to consolidate governmental institutions, including a national legal framework and judicial and correctional institutions;
4. *Demands* that the parties cease hostilities throughout Carana and fulfil their obligations under the Kalari Peace Agreement;

5. *Calls upon* all parties to cooperate fully in the deployment and operations of UNAC, to ensure the safety, security, and freedom of movement of United Nations' and affiliated personnel throughout Carana;
6. *Encourages* UNAC within its capabilities and areas of deployment, to support the voluntary return of refugees and IDP;
7. *Requests* the new transitional Government to conclude a status-of-force agreement with the Secretary-General within 30 days of adoption of this resolution, and notes that pending the conclusion of such an agreement the model status-of force agreement dated 9 October 1993 (A/45/594) shall apply;
8. *Calls upon* all parties to ensure, in accordance with relevant provisions of international law, the full, safe and unhindered access of relief personnel to all those in need and delivery of humanitarian assistance, in particular to internally displaced persons and refugees;
9. *Recognizes* the importance of the protection of children in armed conflict, in accordance with its resolution 1379 (2004) and related resolutions;
10. *Demands* that all parties cease all use of child soldiers, that all parties cease all human rights violations and atrocities against the Caranian population, and stresses the need to bring to justice those responsible;
11. *Reaffirms* the importance of a gender perspective in peacekeeping operations and post-conflict peace building in accordance with resolution 1325 (2000), and in particular women's rights under the Constitution to fully participate in the political, economic and social life spheres of Caranian life, recalls the need to address violence against women and girls as a tool of warfare, and encourages UNAC as well as the Caranian parties to actively address these issues;
12. *Reiterates* its demand that all States in the region cease military support for armed groups in neighbouring countries, take action to prevent armed individuals and groups from using their territory to prepare and commit attacks on neighbouring countries, refrain from any actions that might contribute to further destabilisation of the situation in the region, and declares its readiness to consider, if necessary, ways of promoting compliance with this demand;
13. *Calls on* the international community to consider how it might help future economic development in Carana aimed at achieving long-term stability and improving the welfare of its people;

14. *Stresses* the need for an effective public information capacity, including the establishment as necessary of United Nations radio stations to promote understanding of the peace process and the role of UNAC among local communities and parties;
 15. *Calls on* the parties address the question of DDR and urges the parties, in particular the government of Carana, and rebel groups MPC and CISC, to work closely with UNAC, relevant assistance organisations, and donor nations, in the implementation of a DDR programme;
 16. *Calls on* the international donor community to provide assistance for the implementation of a DDR programme, and sustained international assistance to the peace process, and to contribute to consolidated humanitarian appeals;
 17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide regular updates, including a formal report every 90 days to the Council on the progress of the Kalari Peace Agreement and this resolution, including the implementation of UNAC's mandate;
 18. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
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