DECISION ON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO - CM/2164 (LXXII)-d

Council:

1. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT for the Lusaka cease-fire Agreement which constitutes the only framework accepted by all the parties for reaching a peaceful, comprehensive and durable settlement of the conflict in the DRC;

2. URGES all the Parties to implement the Agreement in good faith, especially the provisions pertaining to compliance with the ceasefire and the Inter-Congolese Political Dialogue;

3. FURTHER URGES the Parties to scrupulously respect the plan for the disengagement and redeployment of forces adopted by all the Parties during the meeting of the Political Committee held in Kampala from 6 to 8 April, 2000;

4. CONDEMNS the massacres and other atrocities perpetrated in the territory of the Democratic Republic of Congo;

5. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the adoption of Resolution 1291 of 24 February, 2000, by the United Nations Security Council authorizing the expansion of MONUC to consist of up to 5537 military personnel including up to 500 observers or more, and URGES the UN to accomplish the deployment as speedily as possible;

6. FURTHER EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the United Nations Security Council’s decision to establish a Panel of Experts on the illegal exploitation of natural resources and other forms of wealth in the DRC;

7. DEMANDS that all the countries which have forces in the DRC withdraw them in conformity with the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement;

8. REITERATES its confidence in and support for Sir Ketumile Masire, Facilitator of the Inter-Congolese national Dialogue, who was chosen by the Congolese parties with the assistance of the Secretary General of the OAU, and EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to him for the work so far accomplished;

9. URGES the Congolese Parties and particularly the government of the DRC to extend to the Facilitator of the Inter-Congolese national dialogue their full cooperation and all the support necessary for the accomplishment of his mission;

10. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the work already done on ground by the Joint Military Commission in collaboration with MONUC, as well as by the Political Committee set up
under the Ceasefire Agreement, and URGES them to persevere in their efforts;

11. APPEALS to Member States and to the rest of the International Community to continue to provide the JMC and the Facilitator of the Inter-Congolese national Dialogue, with financial, material and logistical support;

12. PAYS TRIBUTE to the leaders of the region, especially to President Frederick Chiluba of the Republic of Zambia, Chairman of the Regional Initiative for Peace in the DRC, as well as to the Current Chairman of the OAU President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, and other African Leaders for the untiring efforts they have invested in the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict in the DRC;

13. WELCOMES, to that end, the initiative by President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, Current Chairman of the OAU, for having organized a mini Summit on the Democratic Republic of Congo in Algiers on 30 April 2000. That Summit made it possible to consolidate the progress achieved under the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement and to give new impetus to efforts towards the restoration of peace through his appeal for the commencement of the Inter-Congolese national dialogue and the implementation of Phase II of the deployment of the United Nations forces in the DRC;

14. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the efforts exerted by the Secretary-General of the OAU towards the implementation of the peace process in the DRC.