

THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN LIBERIA (UNMIL)

In 1993, upon signing a ceasefire agreement between the main warring factions involved in the civil war in Liberia, the United Nations Security Council launched the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL), having as its objective to monitor and verify compliance with the ceasefire. Upon expiration of its mandate in 1997, the Security Council established the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia (UNOL), with the primary goal of supporting the newly elected Government in achieving national reconciliation. In 2003, against the background of the deteriorating situation in the country, the UN Secretary-General appointed his Special Representative for Liberia and outlined a three-phased deployment of international troops to Liberia, leading to a multidimensional United Nations peacekeeping operation.

The United Nations mission in Liberia was established on 19 September 2003 in implementation of Resolution 1509 (2003) adopted by the Security Council. The aim of the mission was to assist the application of the ceasefire agreement and the peacekeeping process after the end of the civil war, to protect UN personnel and buildings, to support humanitarian activities and human rights protection, as well as to facilitate the national security reform.

Our country has contributed two military observers to the mission.

More information on the mission is available at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/missions/unmil/>

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