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LETTER DATED 16 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The members of the Security Council have considered your reports (S/1994/529 and Add.1) on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia. They have noted that discussions were held in New York between the Secretariat and a delegation from the Russian Federation concerning the possible role of United Nations military observers and their relationship with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) peace-keeping force envisaged in the Agreement on a Cease-fire and Separation of Forces signed by the parties in Moscow on 14 May 1994 (S/1994/583, annex I).

The members of the Security Council regard these discussions as a positive step. The members of the Council also note your intention, as a first step and in consultation with the parties, to increase the number of military observers of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) up to 55 as authorized by the Council in its resolution 892 (1993) of 22 December 1993. The members of the Council note your ideas for a possible mandate for an expanded UNOMIG, set out in paragraph 7 of your report (S/1994/529/Add.1), and your provisional assessment of the strength of UNOMIG that might be required to perform this task.

The members of the Security Council, noting again the conclusions of the ministerial meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) held at Rome on 30 November and 1 December 1993 (S/26843), also welcome the continuing cooperation between the United Nations and CSCE in this matter.

The members of the Security Council would be grateful if the Secretariat could pursue its discussions with the parties, the Russian Federation and representatives of the CIS peace-keeping force in order to arrive at clear understanding on particular points of relevance to the Council's decision on a further increase in the strength and change in the mandate of UNOMIG, including the arrangements which would exist on the ground for coordination between UNOMIG and the CIS peace-keeping force; the period to be set for the mandate of the CIS peace-keeping force; assurances from the parties concerned of full freedom of movement for UNOMIG in the performance of its mandate, both within the zone of operations of the CIS peace-keeping force and in other relevant parts of the territory of Georgia; and the time-frame foreseen for the return of refugees and displaced persons.

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On this basis, and following the further urgent consultations that you propose with the parties and the Russian Federation, the members of the Council stand ready to consider your detailed recommendations on the expansion of UNOMIC along the lines of the ideas set out in paragraph 7 of your report (S/1994/529/Add.1).

(Signed) Salim Bin Mohammed AL-KHUSSEIBY
President of the Security Council
