

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ON JUNE 25TH, 1999**

1.1 *His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo paid a one-day working visit to the Republic of Liberia on Friday, June 25, 1999 at the invitation of His Excellency Dahkpannah, Dr. Charles Ghankay Taylor, President of the Republic of Liberia. On arrival, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and his entourage received a warm and cordial reception befitting the close ties and friendship binding the two countries.*

1.2 *The two Heads of State reviewed matters of mutual interest and concern to the two Countries and thereafter engaged themselves in full and frank exchange of views on contemporary world affairs in general as well as on inter African affairs in particular. The two Heads of State also expressed their satisfaction with the cordial and excellent relations, which have always existed between the two countries.*

1.3 *President Obasanjo noted that technical discussions on the modalities for the destruction of arms and ammunition collected from erstwhile warring factions during the disarmament exercise in Liberia have commenced amongst ECOWAS, UN and the Government of Liberia. The Nigerian leader also observed that the decision of the Government of Liberia to destroy these arms and ammunition and the successful completion of that exercise would contribute immensely to sub-regional peace and security. President Obasanjo also commended efforts of the Government of Liberia to consolidate peace through the pursuit of national reconciliation.*

1.4 *On Liberia-Nigeria relations, the two Presidents renewed their determination to encourage, promote and foster economic, scientific and technical cooperation between their two countries. They reaffirmed their commitment to the expeditious and full implementation of all agreements and other related instruments for cooperation in various fields concluded between the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Liberia.*

1.5 *With regard to the January 21, 1987 Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation, President Taylor and President Obasanjo decided that the Nigerian-Liberian Joint Commission meets at the earliest possible time to draw up an Action Programme of Implementation.*

1.6 On World Affairs, the two Heads of State agreed that urgent reforms are needed in the present International Economic and Socio-Political Order to make the United Nations System more democratic as well as improve the position of developing countries in the fields of trade, credit flows and debt relief.

1.7 On African affairs, the two Heads of State expressed concern over the proliferation of conflicts on the Continent and re-affirmed their full commitment to regional and sub-regional initiatives designed to manage, curb and resolve these conflicts.

1.8 The two leaders appealed to all African States to quickly put behind them all conflicts and wars so that they can devote greater energy and resources to the urgent task of economic development which will enhance the well-being of African peoples and position Africa to effectively face the challenges of the next millenium.

1.9 On the crisis in the sister Republic of Sierra Leone, the two Heads of State welcomed the ongoing negotiations in Lome, Togo to find a peaceful solution to the conflict, and urged the negotiating parties to achieve an early and final settlement of the Sierra Leone Crisis. President Taylor and President Obasanjo were unanimous that peace in Sierra Leone can only be achieved in a climate of mutual confidence and respect. They particularly stressed that no member state of ECOWAS should encourage, support or commit act of subversion, hostility or aggression against the Government and people of Sierra Leone. The two leaders also agreed to intensify their effort, as well as consult each other more closely, to bring the civil war in Sierra Leone to a speedy and permanent end.

1.10 President Taylor and President Obasanjo expressed their confidence in and commended the tireless efforts of the Chairman of ECOWAS, President Gnassingbe Eyadema, to find a lasting solution to the crisis in Sierra Leone.

1.11 Finally, the two leaders praised the efforts of the gallant men and women of ECOMOG in restoring peace to Liberia, and on-going initiatives to resolve the conflicts and restore peace to Guinea Bassau and Sierra Leone. They therefore called on the larger International Community to further support their efforts by providing the necessary logistics and financial resources to enable ECOMOG accomplish, in the shortest possible time, its peacekeeping mission in the sister Republic of Sierra Leone.

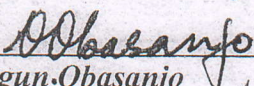
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1.12 At the end of his visit, President Obasanjo expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to the Government and People of Liberia for the warm and fraternal welcome accorded him and his entourage throughout the visit and looked forward to a return visit by President Taylor. This invitation was accepted and the date of the State Visit will be arranged through diplomatic channels.

DONE AT THE CITY OF MONROVIA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE 1999 IN TWO ORIGINALS, BOTH EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



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