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This agreement on the clarification of the Akosombo Agreement made this twenty-first day of December AD 1994 is intended to clarify and expand pertinent provisions of the said Akosombo agreement.

SECTION A

Article 1

CEASE-FIRE

The Parties to this agreement hereby declare a cease-fire and the cessation of hostilities effective as of 2359 hours on the twenty-eighth day of December 1994.

SECTION C

Article 4

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(SAFE HAVENS AND BUFFER ZONES)

Consistent with section C, article 4, count 5, of the Akosombo agreement, the parties agree to facilitate the establishment of safe havens and buffer zones throughout Liberia in accordance with a plan to be drawn up by the Liberian National Transitional Government (LNTG) in collaboration with the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) and the Economic Community of West African States Military Observer Group (ECOMOG) in consultation with the parties. In this connection, the deployment of ECOMOG and UNOMIL, the establishment of buffer zones, safe havens and other measures necessary to restore normalcy throughout the territory of Liberia, shall be undertaken in accordance with the Cotonou and Akosombo agreements.

In keeping with section C, article 4, count 6, LNTG shall enter into a status-of-forces agreement with ECOWAS within seven (7) days as of the seating of the Council of State established under this agreement.

SECTION H

Article 9

DEMOBILIZATION

Consistent with section H, article 9, count 4, of the Akosombo agreement it is agreed by the parties that in the reorganization of the Armed Forces of Liberia, the police, immigration and other security agencies, the combatants and non-combatants who satisfy conditions for recruitment shall be considered for inclusion. In this connection, the Council of State established under the Akosombo agreement clarified by this agreement shall establish appropriate committees which will be charged with determining the criteria for recruitment, taking advantage of the relevant expertise of ECOMOG and UNOMIL.

SECTION K

Article 12

SCHEDULE OF IMPLEMENTATION

The parties hereby agree to abide by the schedule of implementation attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Part II

Political issues

SECTION A

(EXECUTIVE)

Consistent with part II, section A (i), of the Akosombo agreement, the provisions for the function and structure of the five-member Council of State provided for in the Cotonou and Akosombo agreements are hereby reconfirmed.

The procedure for the appointment of the relevant officials of Government as enshrined in the Akosombo agreement is hereby reaffirmed. Such officials shall be appointed based on merit.

The parties agree that a five-member Council of State shall be established.

The first four members of the new Council of State shall be appointed as follows:

National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL)	1
United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO)	1
Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL)/Coalition	1
Liberia National Conference (LNC)	1

The fifth member of the Council of State shall be a traditional chief selected by NPFL and ULIMO in the person of the Honourable Tamba Tailor in accordance with part II, section A (i), of the Akosombo agreement and agreed by the parties.

Consistent with part II, section A (i), of the Akosombo agreement, induction of the Council of State shall take place in the City of Monrovia under the auspices of the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) or his designee within fourteen (14) days as of the cease-fire date.

SECTION H

Article 20

Consistent with section H, article 20, of the Akosombo agreement, the parties reaffirm the acceptance of the ECOWAS peace plan, including the Cotonou and Akosombo agreements, as the best framework for peace in Liberia.

All provisions of the Akosombo agreement not herein clarified remain in full force and effect.

DONE AT ACCRA REPUBLIC OF GHANA, THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER AD 1994

(Signed) Charles G. TAYLOR
Leader
National Patriotic Front of Liberia
(NPFL)

(Signed) ÊLt.-Gen. Alhaji G. V.
KROMAH
National Chairman
United Liberation Movement of Liberia
(ULIMO)

(Signed) ÊLt.-Gen. J. Hezekiah
BOWEN
Chief of Staff
Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL)

Attested to:
(Signed) ÊH.E. Flt. Lt. Jerry John
RAWLINGS
President of the Republic of Ghana and
Current Chairman of ECOWAS

Schedule of implementation of the Akosombo Agreement from cease-fire to elections
(28 December 1994-14 November 1995)

Serial number	Weeks	Period												
		Dec. 94	Jan. 95	Feb. 95	Mar. 95	Apr. 95	May. 95	Jun. 95	Jul. 95	Aug. 95	Sep. 95	Oct. 95	Nov. 95	Dec. 95
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
1	2	28---	---11	Factions inform combatants of cease-fire										
2	3		12---	---4	Factions disengage from check points/present combat positions to areas under own arrangements									
3	3		12---	---4	Verification by ECOMOG/UNOMIL/LNTG/warring factions									
4	2		21---	---7	Reconnaissance mission/build-up of logistics-ECOMOG/UNOMIL/LNTG									
5	10			8---	-----	---21	Deployment of ECOMOG/UNOMIL to safe havens throughout the country							
6	4			13---	---13	Completion/preparation for new assembly/encampment sites								
7	4				1---	---30	Combatants in assembly/encampment sites							
8	8					1---	---30	Disarmament/demobilization						
9	9					1---	-----	---7	Resettlement/repatriation					
10	Preparations for elections						8---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	---11	
11	Election day												---14	

Notes:

Cease-fire - 2359 hours 28 December 1994 (Midnight 28/29 December 94).

Installation of new Council of State

Election Day - 14 November 1995.

Inauguration of new Government - 1 January 1996.

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