

ERITREA - ETHIOPIA BOUNDARY COMMISSION

DECISION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 15B OF THE COMMISSION'S DEMARCATION DIRECTIONS

1. In its Order of 9 February 2003, the Commission decided that a difference which had arisen over the appointment of Field Liaison Officers (FLOs) should be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 15B of the Demarcation Directions. In accordance with that procedure, the Special Consultant prepared a report and transmitted it to the Commission and to the Parties. The Parties communicated their comments to the Commission within the fifteen-day period stipulated in Article 15B.
2. The Commission has carefully considered the Special Consultant's report and the comments of the Parties. The Commission takes note of difficulties which have arisen in the initial appointment of FLOs, attributable to a lack of specificity in appointment procedures, notably differences regarding the appointment of currently serving military officers. The Commission has concluded that it is important now to put aside whatever difficulties may have arisen and move forward to achieve an expeditious demarcation of the boundary laid down in its Delimitation Decision.
3. Consequently, the Commission has decided that new FLOs need to be appointed for the remaining demarcation activity along this boundary, under more detailed appointment procedures. The Parties shall appoint these FLOs forthwith, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6B of the Demarcation Directions, which is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. Paragraph B of Article 6 of the Demarcation Directions shall be renumbered B(i).
 - b. There shall be added a new paragraph B(ii) as follows:
 - (ii) Field Liaison Officers shall be persons who have not served in that role, otherwise than in an ad hoc capacity, prior to the date of this Decision, and who are not currently serving as military personnel. Notice of each Party's selections as Field Liaison Officers shall be forwarded for information to the other Party and to the Registrar of the Commission and shall be accompanied by the following information in respect of each Field Liaison Officer:
 - (a) an up-to-date curriculum vitae, including full name, professional qualifications, current position and occupational responsibilities;
 - (b) a record of any military service or responsibilities since 1989.

c. There shall be added a new paragraph B(iii) as follows:

- (iii) A person's nomination as a Field Liaison Officer becomes effective upon that person's selection by the nominating Party as a Field Liaison Officer and the required accompanying information being forwarded to the Commission and the other Party. Should any disagreement arise with regard to a person's nomination as a Field Liaison Officer, that disagreement shall be resolved by the Commission, whose decision shall be final.

d. There shall be added a new paragraph B(iv) as follows:

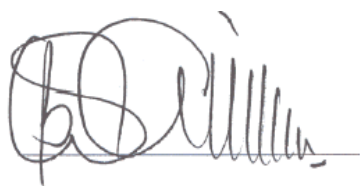
- (iv) In the event of replacement of an Field Liaison Officer, the Party making the replacement shall follow the procedure set forth in sub-paragraph (ii) above.

7 July 2003

Signed by the Commission:



Sir Elihu Lauterpacht, President



Prince Bola Adesumbo Ajibola



Professor W. Michael Reisman



Judge Stephen M. Schwebel



Sir Arthur Watts



Dr. Hiroshi Murakami, Secretary



Bette E. Shifman, Registrar