dimension of the book is the presentation of the sociological implications of the ECOMOG project. This is important, as cultural differences are often easily perceived to be synonymous with race or geography. This book indicates that cultural, linguistic, historical and differences in training of military personnel, even from the same region, can hamper successful peace operations.

Overall, the book is well researched and well written. The author's use of primary material is very impressive in regard to the perilous nature of the terrain. The chapters are choreographed so as to facilitate a smooth progression throughout the book. One important point that is not well addressed in the book is the economic implications of intervention and non-intervention in conflicts. However, this may not be the primary concern of the work and is not at any rate an easy proposition, as it would involve significant speculation. The book's most commendable achievement is to place the trailblazing efforts of the W.A.E.C. in resolving regional conflicts on a well-desereved global pedestal. That effort showed the way for the largely European intervention in the Balkans and the Australian effort in East Timor.

The ECOMOG initiative was the pioneering model of post Cold war conflict resolution. In that respect, Funmi Olonisakin's book is a primary reference material for diplomats, military personnel and students of international cooperation in crisis situations.

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