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AND THE AFRICAN UNION**

(Item proposed by the Arab Republic Egypt)

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The UN Security Council assumes the fundamental responsibility for keeping international peace and security as well as the settlement of the conflicts at regional level.

Since its creation, the African Union has played an important role in peacekeeping and security maintenance in Africa, conflict prevention, management and settlement of conflicts through the Union's mechanisms, mainly the peace and security Council.

The African conflicts constitute a major obstacle to the revival of the development and the regional integration in Africa that has led the African leaders to work to expedite the completion of the African system of peace and security with all the devices and aspects it entails.

Several initiatives have been undertaken in recent times to strengthen the coordination and consultation the African Union and United Nations. Namely the Egyptian initiative for the creation of a coordination and consultation device between the Security Council and the Peace and Security Council, the holding of joint meetings between these two bodies the latest of which was held on April 16, 2008, the signing of a support programme for a period of ten years between the African Union and United Nations. Those activities have been accompanied by many resolutions and declarations emanating from the devices of the African Union and United Nations.

As we are striving for the strengthening and establishment of institutional and structural relations between the two parties, it is necessary to achieve establish an appropriate framework to set up a panel of experts between the two organizations to discuss types and modes of support, including the financing of peacekeeping operations carried out by regional organisations, the reinforcement of coordination and consultation between the two peace and security systems in the African Union and United Nations, through missions and joint investigation teams, and the exchange of information and reports, the rapid adoption of standards and methods relating to the peacekeeping missions on the assumption that peacekeeping missions of the African Union are similar to those of the United Nations, allowing their funding through the regular contributions of members of the United Nations.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union is of a paramount importance that requires its subscription renewed on the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, mainly in the framework of continuous strengthening of relations and actions between the two parties and intense efforts made on the African and international scale.

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