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PRESS STATEMENT

**PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 149th MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 149th meeting held on 28 August 2008, received a briefing from the Director of the African Centre for Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) on the AU and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Council condemned unreservedly acts of terrorism, wherever they occur.

Council stressed the importance to the fight against terrorism of fully implementing all continental and international counter-terrorism instruments, including the 1999 OAU Convention and its Protocol thereto, the AU Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, as well as all relevant international instruments, particularly the twelve (12) Conventions and Protocols listed in the Annex to the 1999 OAU Convention and UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001).

Council called on Member States that have not yet done so, to expedite the ratification of the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and its Protocol.

Council requested the Commission to expedite the development of the African Anti-Terrorism Model Law, which would provide a ready-made technical assistance to Member States, with a view to enabling them to harmonize efforts and legal frameworks at the national, regional and continental levels, for the prevention and combating of terrorism in Africa.

Council further requested the ACSRT to intensify its activities and to identify training and equipment projects that would enhance domestic capacities of Member States that have not yet developed the requisite capability.

Council called upon Member States that have not yet designated Focal Points to the African Centre for Study and Research on Terrorism to do so urgently.

Council further requested the Commission, together with its ACSRT, to work closely with the United Nations in pursuit of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Council called on the international community, including the United Nations, to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance to African States to enhance their capacity to fight terrorism, as required by international obligations. In this respect, Council called on the African Group in New York to mobilize support within the UN General Assembly in support of African counter-terrorism efforts and to actively contribute to the review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy scheduled to take place during the forthcoming UN General Assembly Session.

Addis Ababa, 28th August 2008

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