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**REPORT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY DEPARTMENT (PSD) TO THE 171ST
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 FEBRUARY 2009**

REPORT

1. On Sunday 22 February 2009, the Burundian Contingent of AMISOM based at Mogadishu Old University, Mogadishu, Somalia was attacked by insurgents using a car suicide bomb and mortars. This attack resulted in the deaths of 11 members of the Burundian Contingent and 14 who sustained serious injuries.

2. The 22 February 2009 attack follows one which took place on Friday 20 February 2009, against the Burundi Contingent based at Said Barre Academy, Mogadishu in which one soldier was killed and another one was seriously wounded.

4. What follows below is an enumeration of tasks undertaken by PSOD in response to the attacks;

- (i) The Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) of the African Union Commission requested that a Special Meeting of the Peace and Security Council is convened in order to assess the situation and chart a way forward.
- (ii) Boards of Inquiry (BoI) be held to determine the circumstances surrounding the attacks, identify the attackers including their organization(s), level of security measures put in place at Mogadishu Old University and Said Barre Academy,
- (iii) Move forward the deployment of additional battalions for AMISOM including the rotation,
- (iv) Repatriate remains to Burundi,
- (v) Request the AU Centre for Intelligence and Security Services for Africa (CISSA) to provide a comprehensive threat assessment for AMISOM and other PSC approved peace missions
- (vi) Request CISSA, the Governments of the United Kingdom and United States of America to conduct an analysis of all the attacks that took place against AMISOM since the operation was first conducted. The aim is to try and determine patterns and modus operandi of the organization(s) opposed to the presence of AMISOM in Mogadishu,
- (vii) Request the Government of the United States of America to avail to AMISOM intelligence gathering capabilities related to communication,
- (viii) Dispatch a medical team to Nairobi to assess the condition of the wounded,
- (viii) Dispatch a team to Mogadishu to form part of the ongoing BoI.

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