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PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
207<sup>TH</sup> MEETING AT THE LEVEL OF THE  
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
29 OCTOBER 2009  
ABUJA, NIGERIA

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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 207<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PEACE  
AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 207<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on 29 October 2009, adopted the following decision on the situation in the Republic of Niger:

**Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the briefings by ECOWAS and the AU Commission on the latest developments in the situation in Niger;
2. **Endorses** the decisions on the situation in Niger adopted by the Extraordinary Summit of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held in Abuja, on 17 October 2009, and **commends** the efforts deployed by ECOWAS towards finding a speedy and consensual solution to the crisis in Niger. Council **also commends** the initiatives taken by the Chairperson of the Commission to help resolve the crisis;
3. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to intensify his efforts and to continue to work closely with ECOWAS to facilitate the speedy resolution of the crisis in Niger and the democratic functioning of the institutions of the country, with the participation and support of all political forces of Niger;
4. **Further requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to report to it, within a month, on developments in Niger and the outcome of his efforts and those of ECOWAS;
5. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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