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PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 210TH MEETING OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 210th meeting, held on 26 November 2009, received a briefing from Professor Francis Deng, Under-Secretary-General, Special Advisor of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide.

Council recalled the relevant provisions of the AU Constitutive Act, in particular Article 4, paragraph h, which underlines the strong stand of the AU against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Recalling the tragedy of genocide that occurred in Rwanda in 1994, Council stressed the importance that should be given to the prevention of genocide. Council took note of the efforts of the Secretary-General, in particular the focus on situations that may carry the risk of genocide.

Council encourages the holding of regular consultations aimed at building synergy and enhancing collaboration between the AU and the UN on the prevention of genocide, particularly in Africa.

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