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PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 232nd MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 232nd meeting held on 17 June 2010, received a briefing from Professor Albert Tevoedjre, Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission for Niger, on the recent developments in the situation in that country.

Council welcomed the various efforts made by the AU, including the missions undertaken by the Special Envoy to Niger, as well as to the neighboring countries, since his appointment on 3 March 2010, aimed at strengthening the joint effort being undertaken by the AU and ECOWAS towards the rapid restoration of constitutional order in Niger.

Council further welcomed the elaboration of a clear programme for the Transition by the *de facto* authorities in Niger for the restoration of constitutional order and stressed the need for everything to be done towards the restoration of constitutional order as early as possible, bearing in mind its relevant decisions on Niger. Council noted the commitment made by the *de facto* authorities that none of the authors of the unconstitutional change of Government, nor those responsible for the transition, will be candidates for the forthcoming elections, and urged them to comply with the established calendar for the transition.

Council reiterated its call to the political parties and all involved actors in the transition process to put the supreme interest of Niger above partisan considerations likely to delay or compromise the transition.

Council requested the Commission to continue to monitor the situation and to pursue its efforts, in close coordination with ECOWAS and other relevant actors, in support of the process for the return to constitutional order, and to report to it regularly.

Council expressed concern at the situation of food scarcity in some parts of Niger and appealed to Member States and international partners to mobilize and provide the required support.

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