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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its twenty-Second meeting, held on 5 January 2005, adopted the following decision on the situation in Somalia:

Council,

1. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and **takes note** of its commitment to relocate to Somalia as soon as possible **and recognizes** the need to create the necessary conditions for such relocation;
2. **Accepts** in principle the deployment of an AU Peace Support Mission in Somalia, based on its previous decisions and the recommendations of the Nairobi Experts Meeting held on 15 – 16 December 2004 to support the Transitional Federal Institutions. In this regard, Council **welcomes** the offer by the Government of Uganda to contribute troops to the African Mission to be deployed in Somalia. Council **requests** the Commission to submit to it recommendations on the mandate, size, structure, tasks and funding requirements for such a Mission;
3. **Approves**, in the meantime, the establishment of an AU Advance Mission to be based in Nairobi that will ensure liaison with the Transitional Federal Government, IGAD and other parties and undertake all necessary preparatory steps for the deployment of an AU Peace Support Mission in Somalia as early as possible;
4. **Calls upon** the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia to effect appropriate arrangements and or such necessary legislative enactments, including security arrangements, in order to facilitate the deployment of an African Union Peace Support Mission in Somalia;
5. **Requests** AU Member States to extend full support to the Transitional Federal Government in its efforts to establish the Police Force and Army for Somalia and to make effective the functioning of the transitional institutions;
6. **Requests** the AU Member States, the IGAD Partners Forum, the European Union, the League of Arab States, the United Nations and the rest of the international community to provide the necessary support to ensure the effective implementation of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration as well as post-conflict reconstruction in Somalia.

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