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**PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 176TH MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 176th meeting held on 6 March 2009, had an exchange of views with the Panel of the Wise of the AU within the framework of article 11 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC and paragraph XII (1) of the Modalities for the Functioning of the Panel of the Wise as adopted by the PSC at its 100th meeting held on 12 November 2007.

The meeting afforded the Panel an opportunity to update Council on its activities since its inaugural meeting held in Addis Ababa on 18 December 2007, and to exchange views on the best ways to address the peace and security challenges facing the continent and to enhance coordination between all components of the African Peace and Security Architecture.

Council expressed appreciation to the Chairperson of the Panel, President Ahmed Ben Bella, and to its members for their commitment and contribution to the promotion of peace, security and stability on the continent.

Addis Ababa, 6 March 2009

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