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OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 30th meeting, held on 27 May 2005, adopted the following decision on the developments in Togo:

Council,

1. **Expresses its concern** at the persistent tension in Togo, following the presidential election held on 24 April 2005;
2. **Recalls** its decision of 25 February 2005, by which, inter-alia, it mandated the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), in close coordination with the current Chairman of the AU and the Chairperson of the Commission, to take all such measures as it deemed necessary to restore constitutional legality in Togo within the shortest time. In this regard, Council **takes note** of the efforts deployed by the ECOWAS to support the process of stabilization and national reconciliation in Togo. Council **further takes note** of the decision of the ECOWAS on 25 February 2005, by which it decided to lift the sanctions imposed on Togo;
3. **Considers** that conditions for the resumption of the participation of *de-facto* authorities in Togo and their representatives in the activities of all the Organs of the African Union have been fulfilled, and consequently, **requests** the Commission to take the necessary steps to ensure the resumption of the participation of Togo in the said activities;
4. **Takes note** of the conclusions of the mini-Summit of Heads of States and Government on the situation in Togo, held in Abuja, on 19 May 2005, calling for the adoption of measures to restore confidence, as well as the establishment of a framework for dialogue aimed at restoring normalcy in the country and facilitating the formation of a Government of National Unity that represents the entire political class and that should be mandated to initiate the necessary reforms for the recovery of the country, and inviting the Togolese political forces to abstain from any act of violence, impunity and vandalism that could contribute to insecurity in the country;
5. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to continue to closely work with the current Chairman in order to promote political dialogue and the process of deepening democracy in Togo. In this regard, Council **supports** the decision of the Chairperson of the Commission to appoint a Special Envoy to facilitate dialogue between the Togolese parties, in close coordination with the ECOWAS. Council **further requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all measures he deems necessary, including the dispatch of an Observer Mission to monitor political, security, social, humanitarian and human rights developments in Togo;
6. **Appeals** to AU Member States and the international community to assist the Togolese who fled from violence in their country and who have sought refuge in Ghana and Benin;
7. **Urges** the Togolese parties to show restraint and a sense of compromise with a view to facilitating the establishment of a National Recovery Government, as well as the promotion of national reconciliation and democracy;
8. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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