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**REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY  
AND GOVERNANCE (HRDG)**

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on Human Rights, Democracy, and Governance (HRDG) carried out several activities in 2023. The summary of these activities include the following;

- a. Finalized the 2023 Work Plan of the PRC Sub-committee on HRDG;
- b. Validated the African Governance Report;
- c. Second engagement with the Peace and Security Council, jointly conducted with the African Governance Platform;
- d. Joint Retreat between the Sub Committee and the ACHPR.
- e. Received briefings from the:
  - i. African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR);
  - ii. Economic and Social Cultural Council (ECOSOCC);
  - iii. Governance and Conflict Prevention Directorate (GCPD) - Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) on Constitutionalism and Rule of Law Unit;
  - iv. Outgoing Chairperson of the African Governance Platform (AGP).

2. The report provides a synopsis on the activities of the Sub-Committee on HRDG under the above listed areas covering the period of **January – December 2023**.

## II. THE PRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON HRDG ACHIVMENTS FOR 2023

### **PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT 2023 WORK PLAN FOR THE PRC SUB COMMITTEE ON HRDG**

3. Following the first Sub-Committee virtual meeting, in which the Members considered and made amendments to the Draft work plan 2023, the draft Work plan was sent to the PRC Sub-Committee Members and subsequently adopted with the inclusion of the amendments.

### **VALIDATION OF THE AFRICAN GOVERNANCE REPORT (AGR-23) BY THE PRC SUB COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE AND PEACE AND SECURITY – JANUARY 2023**

4. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) conducted the 2023 Africa Governance Report (AGR-23) Report validation meeting with the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG and the Peace and Security Council Committee of Experts, from 13 to 14 January 2023, in Djibouti, the Republic of Djibouti. The meeting provided an opportunity to receive feedback from Member States on the draft AGR-23.

5. The AGR-23 addressed the critical issue of Unconstitutional Changes of Government (UCG) in Africa. Drawing on a comprehensive analysis, the report synthesized findings from thirteen distinct sources. These included six country-specific reports exploring lessons learned from past UCG experiences, five thematic reports

examining the catalysts, causes, and triggers of UCG, and two consultative reports evaluating the effectiveness of normative frameworks and sanctions regimes in addressing UCG occurrences.

6. The AGR-2023 was later successfully adopted by the Heads of State and Government Summit of the African Union in Feb 2023.

## **SECOND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL, JOINTLY CONDUCTED WITH THE AFRICAN GOVERNANCE PLATFORM**

7. Building on the inaugural experience sharing engagements with the Sub-Committee and the AGP on 1 August 2022 and 11 August 2022, respectively, the Peace and Security Council (PSC) has resolved to institutionalize and regularize such engagements on an annual basis.

8. To implement this decision, the PSC, under the Chairpersonship of the Republic of Burundi, convened a virtual session dedicated to the theme: “Engagement with the PRC Sub-Committee on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (HRDG), and the African Governance Architecture Platform (AGP), on 11 August 2023. This session provided a valuable platform for further strengthening partnerships and exchanging best practices in pursuit of shared objectives.

9. The joint engagements were targeted to promote, deepen, and consolidate democracy, good governance and the rule of law. Building on the outcomes of previous engagements, the PSC reiterated the importance of full compliance with the provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance (ACDEG) by all Member States. This emphasis aligns with the fundamental principles enshrined in the AU Constitutive Act (Articles 3 and 4) and the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (Articles 3(f) and 7(m)), which underscore the interconnectedness of democratic governance, the rule of law, human rights, and conflict prevention.

10. Furthermore, the engagements served to bolster synergies and collaborative efforts between various AU institutions and organs, as well as between the AU and Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs). This collaborative approach is crucial for achieving lasting peace, security, stability, and development throughout Africa.

11. The PSC underlined the importance of enhanced synergies between the PSC and the Sub-Committee, as well as with the AGP by adopting initiatives aimed at promoting democratic governance and stability in Africa as well as holistic and multidimensional approaches based on the nexus peace, security and development. As per Communiqué 1167<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PSC held on 11 August 2023 the PSC inter-alia:

- a) Reaffirmed the importance of Member States' commitment to the universal ratification, domestication, implementation, and reporting on AU Shared

Values, particularly the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance (ACDEG). In this regard, the Council encouraged Member States that have not done so to sign, ratify, and domesticate the Charter;

- b) Underscored the importance of consistently strengthening Member States institutional capacities, through building of robust governance systems for prevention, early warning and early action; strengthen the Continental governance architecture, peace and security architecture and create transversal working linkages between Organs RECs and the Union for effectiveness; engage citizens meaningfully with special consideration for youth, women and vulnerable groups; and establish knowledge based smart partnerships;
- c) Acknowledged the significant contribution of the AGA Platform in the promotion of democratic governance, peace and security in the Continent, as well as in fostering closer integration between the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the African Governance Architecture (AGA);
- d) Urged the AU Commission to expedite the operationalization of the African Governance Facility, in order to facilitate effective resource mobilization to support the initiatives of the AGP and Member States towards the promotion of good governance and strengthening of democracy on the Continent; and in the same context, also requests the AU Commission to further strengthen the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG and the AGP, as well as the institutional capacity of the AGA-APSA Secretariat to more effectively discharge their respective mandates;
- e) Emphasized the need for enhanced synergies and complementarity of efforts between and among the AGA and APSA, the Council and the PRC Sub-committee, the Africa Governance Platform, while respecting each other's respective mandate; Called upon the AGA Platform members and the Bureau to engage the PSC in the work of the Platform to continue to further enhance their consultative engagements aimed at transforming the democratic and good governance agenda into tangible results;
- f) Stressed the need for the PSC Chairperson of the Month and the PSC Secretariat to engage more actively in the statutory meetings of the African Governance Platform annually;
- g) Requested the AU Commission, the African Governance Platform and the AGA-APSA Secretariat to organize a joint consultative meeting to identify joint initiatives beyond the experience sharing sessions, paying particular attention to the following areas;

- Joint PSC, the PRC Sub Committee and the AGP promotional visits on AU shared values instruments; Called for more active role in preventive diplomacy and mediation efforts;
- PSC involvement in the planning and delivery of the AGA Flagship Initiatives and the establishment of follow-up mechanisms of the decisions of the joint session between PSC and AGP.

#### **JOINT RETREAT BETWEEN THE PRC SUB COMMITTEE ON HRDG AND ACHPR**

**12.** In accordance with the established work plan for 2023, a Joint Retreat was convened between the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG and ACHPR from 5 to 7 December 2023, in Dakar Senegal. The Joint Retreat served to fortify the synergy between the ACHPR and PRC Subcommittee, and as well play a pivotal role in facilitating a coordinated and strengthened approach towards the protection and promotion of human and peoples' rights. Bureaus of the Sub Committee on PRC Subcommittees on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters (GSCBFAM) and on Structural Matters also participated in the Joint Retreat in collaborative discussions aimed at optimizing intuitional performance of the ACHPR, advocate for its adequate resourcing of both human and financial capacity within the context of the implementation of the AU reforms.

**13.** The Joint Retreat proved crucial in deepening the mutual understanding between the Sub-Committee and the ACHPR regarding their respective mandates, procedures, and comparative advantages. This enhanced comprehension paved the way for identifying opportunities for collaborative efforts and mutual reinforcement in pursuit of the goals enshrined in Agenda 2063.

**14.** The Retreat agreed upon concrete strategies and commitments for a revitalized ACHPR and a roadmap for enhanced collaboration and synergy between the ACHPR and the PRC Subcommittee on HRDG, as mutually agreed upon, including commitments for relevant support by the Subcommittees on Structural Reforms and GSCBFAM, towards strengthening the protection of human rights on the continent.

**15.** The Joint Retreat adopted the following **Recommendations to the State Parties**:

- i. Support the proposed AU theme of the year 2025 as the “*Year of Human Rights, Democracy and Governance*”;
- ii. Provide technical and financial resources to the ACHPR within the agreed parameters and through due process, including in accordance with **EX.CL/329(XI) Rev.1**, of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, which took place from **25 to 29 June 2017** on the Report on the Harmonisation of the Remuneration Policy;
- iii. Continue advocating the AU Policy Organs to increase the budget allocation of the ACHPR to carry out its mandate effectively; Reinforce the ACHPR in its role in addressing human rights issues on the continent to promote the implementation of statutory obligations;

- iv. Encourage implementation of decisions/recommendations of the ACHPR, as may be applicable to the State;
- v. Consider seconding staff to the ACHPR and encourage the renewal of short-term staff contracts to fill its current staffing gap, in line with the Staff Rules and Regulations;
- vi. Encouraged to ratify the human rights instruments under the oversight of the ACHPR; and
- vii. Invite Member States to submit their periodic reports to the ACHPR in accordance with the African Charter and relevant human rights instruments.

**16. The Joint retreat adopted the following **General Recommendations to the ACHPR:****

- i. Ensure the annual convening of a Retreat between the ACHPR and the PRC in line with Decisions **EX.CL/Dec.995 (XXXII)**, of 2018 and **EX.CL/Dec.1045 (XXXIV)** of 2019, and where physically convened subject to availability of resources, avoid peak periods to ensure full participation;
- ii. Establish an interactive relationship with the AU Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to follow up and promote the relevant African human rights Protocols;
- iii. Conduct an analysis of best practices and challenges of State Parties in relation to the implementation of ACHPR's decisions and recommendations, and share the outcomes of the analysis with Member States;
- iv. Undertake comprehensive capacity-building initiatives with Member States to foster a better understanding of its working modalities, strengthen interaction with Member States, and promote the implementation of its decisions;
- v. Create a balanced and improved relationship between the ACHPR, accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and the Member States to foster an enhanced collaborative relationship in line with its established working methods, including through its bi-annual public Ordinary Sessions,
- vi. Ensure its working methods are African-driven and foster a more positive and trust-based environment;
- vii. Address perceptions relating to its mandate to enhance its visibility, accessibility, and effectiveness as a regional human rights mechanism;
- viii. Conduct a review of its Flagship Projects that require political support from the PRC and identify substantive issues related to cultural and legal matters or any other factors that may create controversy or challenges in implementation;
- ix. Effectively communicate its needs, budget details, and challenges encountered to foster support for its work and facilitate resource mobilization;
- x. Provide the PRC with a budget funding gap analysis, indicating the differentials between the allocated budget and the required budget needs (Annex 2);
- xi. Articulate the budget required for the Flagship Projects to enable the PRC-Committee on Budgetary Matters to provide support as necessary;

- xii. Collaborate with the Finance Directorate of the AUC to explore innovative funding mechanisms that will effectively address the funding challenges, including the classification of budget items;
- xiii. Ensure a more realistic and adequate budget planning for promotion missions to meet the objectives and scope of the missions;
- xiv. Conduct a comprehensive review of the working methods currently used in promotion missions by the ACHPR to assess their effectiveness in achieving the desired outcomes while identifying areas for improvement;
- xv. Develop and organize training for Member States, accredited CSOs, and relevant stakeholders on the promotion missions of the ACHPR to raise awareness and enhance understanding of the purpose and significance of promotion missions;
- xvi. Conduct frequent promotional missions to Member States to create awareness of the ACHPR, the African Charter, and other human rights instruments;
- xvii. Consider adopting a model similar to the APRM that provides for a structured and well-defined process for conducting promotion missions to ensure the timely authorization of missions, including clear guidelines and criteria for selection and prioritization;
- xviii. Request the Reform Unit to provide the updated AU Organs/Institutional Reform Report to enable the ACHPR to prepare its proposal and response to share with the PRC;
- xix. Provide a detailed structure document with a costing and implementation plan (see Annex 3);
- xx. Provide a detailed budget table of the previous and current financial allocations and operational and program expenditures, with clear figures on the financial gap;
- xxi. Set clear priorities to enhance the financial and technical implementation rates in accordance with the current austerity measures to achieve the best results and fulfillment of its mandate;
- xxii. Enhance implementation of all types of audit recommendations (external, internal, and forensic analysis) to allow for a gradual increase in budget during the upcoming budget cycle;
- xxiii. Enhance regular engagement with the PRC Sub-Committees, particularly the PRC Sub-Committee of GSCBFAM through the ACHPR's Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Staff Matters, to ensure mutual understanding of the financial requirements and gaps and allow for further financial support;
- xxiv. Reclassify statutory meetings under the program budget line to avoid budget cuts;
- xxv. Continue raising awareness with Member States and provide them with information on the ACHPR's mandate and functions;
- xxvi. Conduct joint activities with the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG to foster collaboration;
- xxvii. Participate in the Budget Retreat convened by the Office of the Director General of the AUC;
- xxviii. Explore possibilities for sponsorship from African stakeholders to finance some of its activities in line with the Financial Rules and Regulations of the AU;
- xxix. Partner with the AGA-APSA Secretariat to develop a Roadmap for enhanced collaboration and synergy between the ACHPR and the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG toward strengthening the protection of human rights on the continent.

**17.** The Joint retreat adopted the following **Specific immediate Recommendations for immediate action:**

- i. Secondment of staff to the ACHPR, particularly its Finance Unit and the Procurement Department, to bridge the gap in finance and procurement functions, as well as Registry and Protocol Units, which are manned by one staff each;
- ii. Increase its 2024 Budget allocation to cater for two physical Sessions and undertake authorized promotion missions and
- iii. Support implementation of its critical flagship programs and projects attached as **Annex 4.**

## **BRIEFING BY AFRICAN GOVERNANCE PLATFORM MEMBERS**

### **ACHPR - ADVOCACY INITIATIVES FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOLS ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS AND THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN AFRICA**

**18.** Mme Abiola, the Ag. Executive Secretary of the ACHPR, briefed the Sub-Committee on the advocacy initiatives of the ACPHR for the Ratification of the Protocols on the Rights of Older Persons, and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa, which complements the African Charter on Human and People's Rights.

**19.** The briefing touched on the status of the Signature and Ratification of the above-mentioned protocols; highlighted the various advocacy initiatives of the Banjul Commission to promote the ratification of the Protocols, and the success recorded so far. Her intervention also focused on the way forward, particularly in drawing attention to the support that the esteemed Sub-Committee and wider the PRC could provide to these initiatives to mobilize increased ratification of the Protocols and accelerate their entry to force.

**20.** Members agreed with the presentation and discussed the importance of these protocols. They also inquired for deep dive study on why Member States are not ratifying these protocols. They also noted that during ratification Member States need to factor in the next steps that will need to be taken by them in order to domesticate, implement and report on these instruments.

### **ECOSOCC – INITIATIVES OF ECOSOCC IN LINE WITH DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**21.** Mr. Kyeretwie Osei, Head of Programs of ECOSOCC, highlighted the role of ECOSOCC in popularizing different AU instruments, as well as mobilizing experts from different countries to support the work of institutions like the Sub-Committee and the PSC, and to help civil society to be more effective in their work.



22. He outlined some of the main activities that have been materialized and planned as follows: the Citizens Forum focused on issues of Unconstitutional Changes of Governments (UCGs), democracy, and digital governance; the participation of civil society in the work of the African Governance Platform (AGP); a project in the work called the African Peoples Assembly, which will provide a space for citizens from all over the Continent to come and share their experiences in terms of how they are living the situation on the ground in terms of democratic governance and the rule of law; and the launch of the State of Civil Society Report in the upcoming year.

23. Members commended the presentation and the work that is being done by ECOSOCC and encouraged CSOs and AU to work together within the framework of ECOSOCC. Members also agreed that ECOSOCC is an organ that needs to be supported through resources and funding.

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CONSTITUTIONALISM AND RULE OF LAW UNIT OF AUC-PAPS DEPARTMENT ON AU STRATEGY FOR THE INCLUSION AND THE MAINSTREAMING OF THE ACDEG IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

24. Mme. Abibata Barry, representing the unit, provided a briefing to the Sub-Committee on the AU Strategy for the inclusion and the Mainstreaming of the ACDEG in the School Curriculum, with reference to the mandate and objectives; the phases of the Project; the status of the Project; the way forward; and recommendations.

25. Members commended the presentation and emphasized the importance of the implementation of this programme to contribute to conflict prevention. The Unit called Member States to support this project by providing feedback on the document shared through their respective embassies.

#### **AFRICAN GOVERNANCE PLATFORM OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT ON ACHIVMENTS OF THE AFRICAN GOVERNANCE PLATFORM (AGP)**

26. In the briefing as the Chairperson of the AGP at Technical Level, Mme. Abiola Idowu Ojo, stated that the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) was elected as President of the Platform in October 2021, in accordance with Article 6 of the Rules of Procedures of the AGP. The Chair provided a brief on some of the accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities of the AGP.

27. During the mandate of the ACHPR from 2021-2023, the Chairperson indicated that the AGP has convened its biannual statutory meetings on both technical and political levels; held an important Strategic Reflection on the Platform for policy and decision-making and helped one extraordinary meeting of the AGP on request of Members.

28. She mentioned the AGP is the only existing platform that brings AU and RECs together on issues of democratic governance and is an institutional and interaction mechanism of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) which is a normative construct derived from AU shared values.

**29.** Beyond providing members to plan together for flagship activities and execute together is the institutionalization of the Statutory meetings to be held on the side-lines of the AU summit. These meetings are critical in not only sharing experiences among members of the Platform resulted in key achievements for the year as the AGP flagship initiatives which include the African Governance Report, which is a Platform initiative, the organization of the 12th High-Level Dialogue (HLD), and joint Commemoration of Human Rights Day and many more.

**30.** The Chairperson mentioned that since the merger of the two departments into one - Political Affairs and Peace and Security Department (PAPS) in March 2021; the AGA Secretariat which used to be an informal structure has been institutionalized in the AUC's new structure under the Governance and Conflict Prevention Directorate (GCPD) within the PAPS.

**31.** This is a significant success for the Platform as the AGA Secretariat serves as a Secretariat for the Platform. The AUC and the department articulated the importance of the synergy between governance and peace and security components and transitioned the AGA Secretariat into an AGA-APSA secretariat which is a testament to the dedication of the work of the Platform.

**32.** As the biggest achievement so far, this Sub-Committee is to have an institutionalized engagement with the PSC. By involving the PSC the Chair highlighted that it can bridge the gap between democratic governance, human rights, and peace and security.

**33.** The Chair also highlighted that the annual session of the AGP with the PSC was also institutionalized to take place every year and thanked this august body's support on this matter. As a momentous development for the Platform, the Chair appreciated the AGP coming before the PSC as a collective for the first time in August 2022 and celebrated the fact that so far two annual sessions have been convened between AGP and PSC during the ACHPR Chairpersonship in 2022 and 2023. A PSC Communique was issued for both to that effect.

**34.** Mme Abiola closed by reiterating that the AGP is the only body that exists that brings in all actors on human rights, democratic governance in one place which includes the organs and RECs and mentioning we have no mechanism like it. Although the AU Reforms create a greater opportunity for the AGP and PAPS through the institutionalization of AGA-APSA Sec. under the AU Reforms, whereby the AGA-APSA Sec. indeed could enhance the Synergy between AGA and APSA and contributes effectively to the governance, conflict prevention, and peacebuilding agenda on the Continent.

**35.** She made a clarion call on the fact that human rights, democratic governance is key in the continuum of peace and security and that adequate support needs to be

accorded to the synergies between the AGA and APSA architectures as key enabler to lasting peace in the Continent.

**36.** The interim Chairperson and Members of the PRC subcommittee commended the presentation and acknowledged the importance of the AGP in working to promote human rights in Africa. Acknowledging the unique positioning of the platform, the interim chairperson called for all Member states to rally their support to the African Governance Platform and the Secretariat.

## **ANNEX**

- Adopted PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG 2023 Work Plan
- Outcome Statement of the Joint Retreat between the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG and the ACHPR.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (HRDG)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Activities of the PRC Sub-Committee on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (HRDG) for the period of January to December 2023;
2. **COMMENDS** the Sub Committee for validating the African Governance Report 2023, which was developed by the APRM on behalf of the African Governance Platform (AGP) of the African Governance Architecture (AGA);
3. **WELCOMES** the continuation of the annual joint session between the Peace and Security Council (PSC), the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG and the AGP and **UNDERLINES** the implementation of the PSC Communique of the 1167<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the Joint Session held on 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2023;
4. **APPLAUDS** the work of members of the African Governance Platform especially the ACHPR in promoting and protecting human and peoples' rights on the Continent and calling for the universal ratifications of related Protocols. **FURTHER APPLAUDS** the work of ECOSOCC on meaningfully engaging African Citizens and Civil Society Organizations in the affairs of the African Union and **EXPRESSES** support for the preparation of the African State of Civil Society Report in 2024;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the Joint Retreat held between the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG and ACHPR and encourages the continuation of these joint consultations and **CALLS** for more political, financial and capacity support to the AU Organs with a human right mandate;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the work of the Department of Political Affairs Peace and Security (PAPS) on the status of the AU Strategy for the Mainstreaming of the ACDEG in School's curriculum and **CALLS ON** all Member States to support this project;
7. **RECOGNISES** the unique positioning of the African Governance Platform (AGP) as the only existing platform that brings AU Organs, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Mechanisms (RMs) together on issues of human rights, democracy and governance;
8. **UNDERScores** the significant contribution of the African Governance Platform towards the promotion of democratic governance, peace and security in the Continent, as well as towards the enhancement of the nexus between the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the African Governance Architecture (AGA) and **CALLS FOR** adequate and equitable support to be accorded to the

AGA and APSA frameworks and structures as key enablers to sustainable peace in Africa;

9. **REITERATES** the call for universal ratification, domestication, implementation and reporting of all AU Shared Values Instruments, particularly, the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG);
10. **CALLS** for the AU Commission to expedite the operationalization of the African Governance Facility;
11. **UNDERScores** the request made by the PSC on the 1167<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11 August 2023 to the AU Commission to enhance the institutional capacity of AGA-APSA Secretariat to effectively support the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG and the African Governance Platform in discharging their respective mandates and **CALLS** on enhanced synergies and complimentary of efforts between the AGA and the APSA;
12. **REQUESTS** the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG and the AGP to conduct promotional visits on AU Shared Values Instruments; and to play a more active role in preventive diplomacy and mediation efforts of the African Union;
13. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG to continue its engagement with the AU Organs and Institutions with Human Rights and Governance mandate with a view to enhancing coordination and collaboration, especially in enhancing the synergy between the African Governance Architecture (AGA) and the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA);
14. **ENDORSES** the recommendation made to declare 2025 as “the Year of Human Rights, Democracy and Governance in Africa”.

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