

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON ITS
ACTIVITIES AND THE STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
Assembly/AU/6(XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa;
2. **RECALLS** the Tripoli Declaration on the Elimination of Conflict and the Promotion of Sustainable Peace in Africa [SP/ ASSEMBLY/PS: DECL (1)] and Plan of Action [SP/ASSEMBLY/PS/MAP], adopted at its Special Session on the Consideration and Resolution of Conflicts in Africa, held in Tripoli, Libya, on 31 August 2009. The Assembly **REITERATES** the need for the effective follow-up and implementation of both the Declaration and the Plan of Action;
3. **WELCOMES** the efforts deployed by the AU and the Regional Economic Communities / Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RECs/RMs), with the support of the international community, towards the full operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture, in particular the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) and the African Standby Force (ASF). In this respect, the Assembly **NOTES** the significance of the exercise *Amani Africa*, scheduled to be held in October 2010, to test the operational readiness of the ASF. The Assembly **CALLS FOR** continued support to the African Centres of Excellence on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping;
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** the efforts made towards conflict prevention and resolution, as well as the consolidation of peace, where it has been achieved, and **CALLS ON** all stakeholders to redouble their efforts with a view to speeding up the achievement of the objective of a conflict-free Africa;
5. **REITERATES ITS CONCERN** at the continued impasse in the process aimed at restoring constitutional order in Madagascar, due mainly to the refusal of the *de facto* authorities to cooperate with the AU and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) towards the implementation of the Maputo Agreements of 6 August 2009 and the Addis Ababa Additional Act of 6 November 2009. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the SADC Mediator, former President Joachim Chissano, to pursue and intensify his consultations with the Malagasy parties, with a view to facilitating an early and consensual return to legality, in accordance with the AU relevant instruments and decisions. In the meantime, the Assembly **CALLS FOR** renewed efforts to fully implement the targeted sanctions imposed

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by the PSC, in line with the decisions adopted at its meetings held on 19 February and 17 March 2010, respectively;

6. **WELCOMES** the signing in Moroni, on 16 June 2010, of the “Agreement for the Management of the Interim Period” by the President of the Union and the Governors of the Autonomous Islands of Ngazidja, Anjouan and Mohéli. The Assembly **URGES** the Comorian parties to work in good faith for the strict implementation of this Agreement, including the organization, within the scheduled timeframe, of the harmonized elections of the President of the Union and the Governors of the Autonomous Islands and the handing over of power between the President-elect and the outgoing one, and **URGES** the international community to provide the financial and technical support necessary for the success of the process;
7. **REAFFIRMS ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia, and **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the attacks and other acts of violence perpetrated by Al Shabab and other terrorist groups against the TFG, the Somali people and the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). The Assembly **FURTHER CONDEMNS** the despicable terrorist attacks claimed by Al Shabab that were committed in Kampala, on 11 July 2010, against innocent civilians. The Assembly **CALLS ON** Member States and the entire international community to isolate and take all required measures against individuals, entities and States engaged in terrorist acts and whose action is undermining the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia, as well as regional stability and international security;
8. **ENCOURAGES** the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) to enhance their cohesion and work purposefully towards national reconciliation and unity among Somalis, in line with the Djibouti Agreement of August 2009. In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the signing and implementation of the Agreement reached in Addis Ababa, on 15 March 2010, between the TFG and Ahlu Sunna Wal Jamma'a, as well as the Agreement signed with the Somali region of Puntland, on 12 April 2010;
9. **EXRESSES, ONCE AGAIN, ITS APPRECIATION** to the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) to AMISOM, namely Uganda and Burundi, for their invaluable contribution to peace in Somalia and for the sacrifices made. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** ongoing efforts to build the capacity of the Somali security forces, and **ENDORSES** the decisions, contained in the communiqué of the 15th Extra-ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the

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Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), held in Addis Ababa, on 5 July 2010, and **DEEPLY APPRECIATES** the regional initiative under the African Peace and Security Architecture to enable AMISOM reach its authorized strength of 8,100 troops. The Assembly **MANDATES** the Commission to initiate the planning for the new phases of the deployment of AMISOM, supported by the ASF, once operationalized;

10. **FURTHER RECOGNISES** the imperative of political engagement in Somalia, and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to appoint a High Level Personality, to galvanize international support and attention for Somalia, and the engagement of the population in governance processes, in order to enhance the legitimacy of the TFG. The Assembly **AFFIRMS** that the Djibouti process remains the sole basis for peace and reconciliation in Somalia, and **URGES** the TFG to continue the efforts that it has been making to broaden its political base in the context of the legitimacy of the TFIs, by including those who genuinely embrace peace and renounce violence. The Assembly **CALLS ON** all actors in Somalia to support and bolster activities that guarantee the livelihoods of the population. The Assembly **ALSO REITERATES** its call to the larger international community and the United Nations Security Council, in particular, to play their rightful role, including the transformation of AMISOM into a United Nations Peace Mission, and to mobilize resources commensurate with the magnitude of the challenges facing Somalia and the region;
11. **REITERATES ITS CONCERN** at the continued impasse in the peace process between Ethiopia and Eritrea and **REAFFIRMS** AU's readiness to assist the two countries to overcome the current deadlock through dialogue, and normalize their relations;
12. **WELCOMES** the signing, under the mediation efforts of the Emir of Qatar, of an Agreement between Djibouti and Eritrea, in which the two countries agreed to settle their border dispute through mediation and peaceful means. The Assembly **CALLS FOR** the scrupulous implementation of this Agreement and **EXPRESSES THE HOPE** that this development will have positive impact on the overall situation in the Horn of Africa, through sustained efforts to be deployed in a comprehensive and consistent manner, as well as in good faith;
13. **WELCOMES** the sustained efforts aimed at consolidating peace in Burundi and **UNDERSCORES**, in this regard, the importance of successfully completing the electoral process which began in May and is due to end in September 2010. The Assembly **APPEALS URGENTLY** to all the political actors to draw lessons from

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the local and presidential elections of 21 May and 28 June 2010, and work together to strengthen the democratic process, especially by participating in future elections and in contributing to the proper functioning of the institutions. The Assembly **ALSO COMMENDS** the progress which continues to be made in the consolidation of peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Assembly **UNDERScores THE IMPORTANCE** of the swift implementation of the recommendations of the AU multidisciplinary mission that visited the DRC and Burundi in January and February 2010, as endorsed by the PSC at its 230th meeting held on 27 and 31 May 2010;

14. **WELCOMES** the peaceful and successful holding of the April 2010 General Elections in the Sudan, despite the challenges that faced the process, and **ENCOURAGES** the Sudanese parties to redouble their efforts towards the democratic transformation of the country, in line with the vision articulated in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) ;
15. **NOTES** that the CPA is entering its final stage of implementation, which will culminate in the holding of the self-determination referendum in Southern Sudan and the referendum in Abyei, in January 2011. The Assembly **STRESSES** the critical importance of the partnership between the NCP and the SPLM and **URGES** them, in consultation with the other stakeholders, to expeditiously address the outstanding issues in the CPA implementation, particularly the resolution of the issue of Abyei, the modalities for the organization of popular consultations in Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan states, and the completion of the demarcation of the North-South border;
16. **FURTHER URGES** the parties to work towards the successful completion of the negotiations on post-referendum issues and arrangements, building on the Mekele Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of 22 June 2010 and the outcome of the Exposure Session held in Juba on 19 and 20 July 2010, in order to ensure sustainable peace, close cooperation between the North and South and the protection of the rights of all Sudanese, regardless of the outcome of the referendum on self-determination. The Assembly **PLEDGES AU'S FULL SUPPORT** to the efforts being made by the Sudanese parties and its commitment to respect the outcome of the self-determination referendum and facilitate its implementation, as one of the CPA's Guarantors;
17. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the recent degradation of the security situation in Darfur, and **CALLS ON** all parties to demonstrate restraint and refrain from actions likely to further complicate the situation. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the parties to the

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Doha process, led by the AU-UN Joint Chief Mediator, with the support of the Government of Qatar, to intensify their efforts towards achieving further progress, and **URGES** the Movements that are not participating in the Doha talks to join the process without any further delay. The Assembly **EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the early convening, in Darfur, of the Darfur-Darfur Conference, as envisaged by the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) on Sudan, and **CALLS ON** all concerned to extend the necessary cooperation and support;

18. **WELCOMES** the work being done by the AUHIP since its establishment in October 2009, in particular the support to the implementation of the CPA, the negotiations on the post-referendum issues and arrangements and the search for an inclusive and comprehensive solution to the conflict in Darfur. The Assembly **STRESSES** the importance of effective coordination at international level and on the ground, in support of the efforts of the Sudanese parties. In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the establishment of the Sudan Consultative Forum co-chaired by the AU and the UN, which held its first meeting in Khartoum on 17 July 2010;
19. **WELCOMES** the consolidation of the normalization process in the relations between Chad and Sudan, and **COMMENDS** the two countries for the steps taken in this respect, as well as the two Heads of State for their vision and leadership;
20. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the delays in the implementation of the calendar of elections in the Central African Republic (CAR) and in the execution of the DDR program. The Assembly **FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** at the continued activities of the Lord's Resistance Army in CAR. The Assembly **CALLS ON** the Central African parties to work towards the early holding of elections and **REQUESTS** the international community to provide the necessary support;
21. **REQUESTS** the Commission, within the framework of the Tripoli Plan of Action, to organize, as soon as possible, action-oriented consultations between the countries affected by the activities of the LRA, and all other interested parties, with a view to facilitating a coordinated regional action in the face of the threat the group represents;
22. **URGES** the Ivorian parties to do their utmost, with the help of the Facilitator, President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, to scrupulously implement the provisions of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements, in order to create an enabling environment for the speedy holding of the elections, which should conclude the process for a way out of the crisis;

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23. **TAKES NOTE** of the transition and the process for the return to constitutional order as defined by the *de facto* authorities in Niger in consultation with the Niger parties, and **REQUESTS** all the stakeholders in Niger to ensure strict compliance. The Assembly **CALLS UPON** Member States and the international community at large to provide the support required for the proper conduct of the transition process, in particular the elections, and the necessary assistance to cope with the food shortages facing Niger;
24. **WELCOMES** the holding on 27 June 2010, of the first round of the presidential election in Guinea and **UNDERScores** the imperative need for the speedy organization of the second round of the presidential elections, to be followed by the legislative elections. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the President of the Transition and the IEC for the efforts deployed and **ENCOURAGES** them to persevere in their determination, and **WARNS** against any attempt to undermine the progress made and the electoral process. The Assembly **INVITES** Member States and international partners to continue to lend their support towards the completion of the ongoing transition in Guinea, as well as the reform of the defence and security sector, and the country's economic recovery;
25. **WELCOMES** the holding in Brussels on 14 and 15 June 2010, under the auspices of the European Union, of the Partners Round Table for Mauritania, and **ENCOURAGES** the partners concerned to rapidly disburse the funds pledged. The Assembly **URGES** the Mauritanian parties to promote political dialogue in good faith, in accordance with the Dakar Framework Agreement;
26. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** at the developments which took place in Guinea Bissau on 1st April 2010, undermining constitutional order, and **CONDEMNS** the continued interference of the Army in the functioning of the democratic institutions. The Assembly **EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE** of the effective implementation of the security sector reform and **REQUESTS** the AU and ECOWAS Commissions to speed up preparations for the rapid deployment of the stabilization mission provided for in the Tripoli Plan of Action;
27. **REITERATES ITS DEEP CONCERN** over the persistence and spread of maritime piracy, which is an international crime pursuant to relevant international instruments, including resolution 1918 (2010), and **WELCOMES** the holding in Addis Ababa, on 6 and 7 April 2010, of a Workshop on Maritime Security and Safety. The Assembly **LENDs ITS SUPPORT** to the efforts being made by the Commission towards the implementation of the conclusions of the Workshop, including the elaboration of a continental strategy for the management of the continent's maritime domain and the

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involvement of the ASF in efforts to promote maritime security and safety, and **STRESSES**, in this context, the importance of adequate protection of the African maritime domain and that of Island States in particular, against organized crime, as well as illegal fishing and dumping of toxic waste. The Assembly **REITERATES ITS CALL**, as contained in the Tripoli Plan of Action, for the convening, within the framework of the United Nations, of a conference to develop an international Convention on Piracy;

28. **REITERATES** the need for continued and sustained efforts to address the scourge of terrorism, **WELCOMES** the holding of the 4th meeting of Focal Points of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), and **CALLS FOR** increased cooperation between Member States, in accordance with the relevant AU instruments. The Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to the PSC as soon as possible, a series of new measures designed to enhance the effectiveness of collective African action against the phenomenon of terrorism, including appropriate measures in terms of mutual legal and criminal assistance and the elimination of sources of funding for terrorists groups, including payment of ransom in hostage taking situations;
29. **WELCOMES** the efforts deployed by the Commission to develop a framework of action and AU guidelines on the protection of civilians in peacekeeping operations, pursuant to the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council and other relevant instruments of the AU. In this regard, the Assembly **TAKES NOTE** of the organization, in Addis Ababa, by the Commission, with the help of the Australian Government and the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence, of a workshop on the issue, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue its efforts and to report to the relevant organs of the AU to enable them to take the necessary decisions on the basis of the relevant AU instruments;
30. **WELCOMES** the partnership being developed between the PSC, on the one hand, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and the European Union Political and Security Committee, on the other hand, including the convening, in New York, on 9 July 2010, of the 4th annual consultative meeting between the AUPSC and the UNSC and **CALLS FOR** the mobilization of the international community as a whole in support to African solutions to African problems;

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31. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the level attained in the operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture and **ENCOURAGES** the RECs/RMs and all Member States to strengthen and increase their contributions towards creating the necessary conditions for the success of African efforts to promote peace and security;
32. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue and intensify its activities for the diligent and full implementation of the Tripoli Declaration and Plan of Action, including aspects relating to the objectives of the Year of Peace and Security in Africa.



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