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The Peace and Security Council, at its meeting held on 19 March 2007, received a briefing from the Commission on the situation in Somalia and on the status of the deployment of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

The Peace and Security Council welcomed the commencement of the deployment of AMISOM, following the arrival in Somalia of two battalions from Uganda. The Peace and Security Council commended the Government of Uganda for its efforts and commitment to the promotion of lasting peace and reconciliation in Somalia.

The Peace and Security Council commended the people of Somalia for having welcomed AMISOM, which has no other objective than to support Somalia and its people in their efforts to achieve lasting peace and reconciliation in their country. Against this background, the Peace and Security Council called upon all the people of Somalia to cooperate with and support AMISOM and condemned the isolated elements who carried out attacks against the Mission and their attempts to undermine the ongoing peace and reconciliation process in Somalia.

The Peace and Security Council commended the Government of Algeria for its support and those partners who have provided support for the deployment of AMISOM. It reiterated its appeal to the member States and partners of the AU to provide support to AMISOM. The Peace and Security Council appealed to the international community, including AU member States, to urgently provide financial and logistical support to the Commission and to those AU member States that have pledged troops to AMISOM, in order to facilitate the full deployment of AMISOM and ensure its sustenance.

The Peace and Security Council appealed to the member States and the United Nations to provide the necessary support to the planning cell established at the African Union Commission to oversee the deployment of AMISOM and to assist in the efforts aimed at mobilizing financial resources for the sustenance of the Mission.

The Peace and Security Council welcomed resolution 1744(2007) of 20 February 2007, by which the United Nations Security Council, *inter alia*, took note of its Communiqué of 19 January 2007 and decided to authorize member States of the African Union to establish for a period of six months a mission in Somalia. The Peace and Security Council further welcomed the dispatch by the United Nations Secretary-General, as part of the implementation of resolution 1744(2007), of a technical assessment mission to the African Union headquarters and Somalia to report on the political and security situation and the possibility of a United Nations peacekeeping operation following the African Union's deployment.

The Peace and Security Council reiterated that AMISOM's objective is to support the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and other federal Institutions, as well as to

contribute to the creation of a conducive environment for a political process as the most appropriate way for achieving lasting peace and reconciliation in Somalia. In this respect, the Peace and Security Council underscored the need for the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) to embark on an all-inclusive and genuine process of dialogue and reconciliation within the framework of the Transitional Federal Charter of Somalia.

**Addis Ababa, 19 March 2007**

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