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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 113th meeting, held on 28 February 2008, was briefed on the situation in Kenya, in light of the progress made in the negotiations aimed at resolving the post-electoral crisis in the country.

Council welcomed the signing in Nairobi, on 28 February 2008, by President Mwai Kibaki and Honorable Raila Odinga of an Agreement on the Principles of Partnership of the Coalition Government, witnessed by the current AU Chairman, President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania, and Mr. Kofi Annan, Chairman of the Panel of Eminent African Personalities.

Council expressed appreciation to President Kikwete, for his role, and paid tribute to Mr. Kofi Annan and the members of the Panel of Eminent African Personalities for their sustained efforts, in assisting the Kenyan parties to reach this important agreement.

Council encouraged the parties to fully implement the Agreement, including the enactment of the National Accord and Reconciliation Act 2008, and carry on with the urgent task of addressing the long term issues and creating conditions for lasting peace and stability in Kenya.

Council stressed the need for the international community to continue to support the ongoing efforts and render all assistance needed for the promotion of lasting peace and stability in Kenya.

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