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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 148th meeting held on 22 August 2008, was briefed in a consultative session by the President of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), Hon. Gertrude I. Mongella, on the efforts of PAP towards peace building in Africa.

Council noted with satisfaction that this consultative session is the first step towards the implementation of the provisions contained in article 18 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council regarding the role of PAP in the furtherance of peace, security and stability in Africa, as well as the relationship between the PSC and the PAP. Council also noted that this step marks the beginning of closer collaboration between the PSC and PAP as called for in the Conclusions of the Retreat of the PSC held in Dakar in July 2007

Council welcomed the important role played so far by the Pan-African Parliament in promoting peace, security and stability in Africa, in pursuance of article 3(2 and 5) of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament. In this regard, Council paid tribute to PAP for its efforts towards election monitoring and observation, as well as towards the resolution of election-related disputes in the continent.

Council stressed the need to enhance cooperation with PAP in the area of conflict prevention, in particular regarding efforts to be made with a view to preventing post-electoral tension and violence, as well as their negative impact on peace, security and stability in Africa.

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