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COMMUNIQUE OF THE 156TH MEETING OF THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) at its 156th Meeting held in Addis Ababa on 11th November 2008, was briefed by the Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union Commission on the situation in Mauritania, in the light of the developments in that country and the evolution of efforts towards the speedy restoration of constitutional order following the coup d'Etat of 6th August 2008, and took the following decision:

Council,

- 1. Takes note of** the briefing by the Commission on the situation in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and on the efforts that the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Commissioner for Peace and Security of the Commission continue to deploy for the country's speedy return to constitutional legality, and **further reiterates** its firm support in this regard;
- 2. Takes note of** the initiatives by the AU Commission and other stakeholders; including the Consultative Meeting on the Situation in Mauritania which brought together the African Union Commission, the European Union, the International Organisation of the Francophonie, the League of Arab States, the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, and the United Nations held in Addis Abba on 10th November 2008 and the Communiqué issued thereof;
- 3. Expresses its serious concern** that despite all efforts deployed by the Commission and the other stakeholders and despite the Council's earlier decisions on the matter, especially its decision contained in the Communiqué of its 151st Meeting held at Ministerial level in New York on 22nd September 2008,

no progress has been made towards a rapid return to constitutional legality in Mauritania;

4. **Requests** the Commission to submit to it, as soon as possible, concrete measures to be put in place on the basis of Communiqué PSC/MIN/Comm.2(CLI) adopted at its 151st Meeting held in New York on 22nd September 2008 and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the AU (OAU) Lome Declaration of July 2000 on Unconstitutional Changes of Government.

5. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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