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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 192nd MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 192nd meeting held on 10 June 2009, considered the report of the mission undertaken by the Council to West Africa, from 24 April to 1st May 2009, during which the Mission visited Guinea Bissau and Côte d'Ivoire, in order to evaluate the political and security situation and the state of preparations for the forthcoming presidential elections in these two countries, and adopted the following decision:

Council:

1. **Takes note** of the Report [PSC/PR/2 (CXCIII)] on the mission which visited Côte d'Ivoire from 28 April to 1 May 2009;
2. **Notes** the announcement by President Laurent Gbagbo that the presidential election will take place on 29 November 2009;
3. **Welcomes** the progress made in the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement (APO) and its supplementary agreements in particular, the 4th Supplementary Agreement and in this regard **commends** the Ivorian parties to the peace process for their commitment to end the crisis and their determination to hold free, fair and transparent elections. In this context, the Council **welcomes** the communiqué of the meeting of the Cadre permanent de concertation (CPC) held in Ouagadougou on 18 May 2009, and the handing over, on 26 May 2009, of authority between prefects and the commanders of the areas of the Forces Nouvelles, which marks the restoration of State authority throughout the territory of Côte d'Ivoire;
4. **Urges** the Ivorian parties to continue to demonstrate the necessary political will in order to create a climate conducive to the holding of the presidential election;
5. **Takes note** of the invitation made by the Ivorian authorities to the African Union to give its support to the electoral process, including through sending an electoral observer mission, and **requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take the necessary steps to this effect;
6. **Encourages** AU Member States and the international community as a whole to continue to support Côte d'Ivoire for the successful completion of the peace process aiming to end the crisis in that country;
7. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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