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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 56TH MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 56th meeting held on 19 June 2006, adopted the following decision on the negotiations between the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu/ *Forces nationales de Libération* (FNL):

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the brief on the negotiations between the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu/FNL [PSC/PR/2(LVI)] and the briefing from the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission in Burundi on the ongoing negotiations, in the United Republic of Tanzania, between the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu/FNL;
2. **Expresses satisfaction** at the significant progress achieved in the negotiations, in particular the signing, on 18 June 2006, of the Dar-es-Salaam Agreement of principles towards lasting peace, security and stability in Burundi and **urges** the two parties to pursue their discussions in a spirit of compromise in order to arrive at an early conclusion of a ceasefire agreement, thereby ensuring the success of the peace and reconstruction process in Burundi;
3. **Commends** the Regional Initiative for its role in the search for, and consolidation of, peace in Burundi and **urges** it to continue with its efforts until the conclusion of a final peace agreement. Council **further commends** the Facilitator of the Talks, Mr. Charles Nqakula, Minister of Security and Safety of the Republic of South Africa, and **encourages** him to pursue his efforts;
4. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to continue to support the peace, national reconciliation and post-conflict reconstruction processes in Burundi, and **encourages** him to take all appropriate measures, together with AU partners, to contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of an eventual peace agreement;
5. **Urges** the international community and all AU partners in the peace process in Burundi to continue to support the ongoing process and provide all the necessary assistance towards the reconstruction of the country;
6. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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