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The Peace and Security Council of the Africa Union (AU), at its 297th meeting held on 20 October 2011, adopted the following decision on the situation in Libya:

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the communication made by the Commission on the latest developments in Libya;
2. **Recalls** all its earlier communiqués on the situation in Libya, as well as the communiqué adopted by the AU High-Level *ad hoc* Committee on Libya, at its meeting held in Pretoria, South Africa, on 14 September 2011, and the statement made by the Chair of the Union, President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, at the UN-sponsored High-Level meeting on Libya held in New York, on 20 September 2011;
3. **Further recalls** the assurances formally provided to the AU by the leadership of the National Transitional Council (NTC) of Libya, stressing: (i) its strategic commitment to the African continent, (ii) its commitment to give priority to national unity and to bring together all Libyan stakeholders, without any exception, to rebuild the country, and (iii) its commitment to protect all foreign workers within Libya, including the African migrant workers;
4. **Decides**, in view of the above and taking into account the uniqueness of the situation in Libya and the exceptional circumstances surrounding it, and without prejudice to the relevant AU instruments, to authorize the current authorities in Libya to occupy the seat of Libya in the AU and its organs;
5. **Authorizes** the Chairperson of the Commission to take the required steps for the early establishment of an AU Liaison Office in Tripoli, to be headed by a Special Representative, to assist, in cooperation with the United Nations, the League of Arab States and other stakeholders, in the efforts aimed at stabilizing the situation in Libya, promoting national reconciliation and inclusivity and facilitating the transition process towards democratic institutions, building on the relevant provisions of the AU Roadmap;
6. **Reiterates the AU's deep concern** with the proliferation of weapons originating from Libyan military depots and their impact on regional security and stability, **notes with satisfaction** the growing realization, within the international community, of the gravity of the threat thus posed, and **requests** the Commission to work with the United Nations and all countries concerned and relevant partners towards the early convening of a regional conference in order to facilitate regional coordination and cooperation and related efforts;
7. **Urges** the Libyan authorities to spare no efforts in ensuring the safety and security of the African migrant workers, and **appeals** to the member states and partners to cooperate with the Commission towards the early holding of a pledging conference to mobilize resources for the socio-economic reintegration of the migrant workers into their countries of origin;

8. **Takes note** of the provisions of resolution 2009 (2011), and **requests** the United Nations Security Council to lift the measures imposed with respect to the no-fly zone and ban on flights and to terminate the authorization given to member States in this respect, bearing in mind the very purpose for which resolution 1973 (2011) was adopted;
9. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to submit regular reports on the evolution of the situation in Libya;
10. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

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