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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 344th meeting held on 27 November 2012, had an interactive session with a delegation from the Committee on Cooperation, International Relations and Conflict Resolution (CCIRCR) of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), on the relations between Council and PAP on peace and security issues.

Council recalled the provisions of article 18 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the AU, which stipulate that Council shall maintain close working relations with PAP in furtherance of peace, security and stability in Africa, and outline practical modalities to this effect.

Council, bearing in mind the responsibilities entrusted to it by the PSC Protocol, stressed the need to give full effect to the provisions of the Protocol relating to the relationship with PAP, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the efforts being made towards the promotion of lasting peace, security, development and integration on the continent. In this respect, Council commended the CCIRCR for the proposals it has submitted and for its contribution to the quest of peace and security on the continent.

Council agreed to look in-depth into these proposals and other modalities for strengthening its relations with the PAP. Council will meet in due course to review the issue.

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