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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 549th meeting, held on 9 October 2015, considered the Conclusions of its Retreat on Enhancement of Cooperation between itself and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RMs) in Abuja, Nigeria from 14 to 16 September 2015 and adopted the following decision:

Council,

- 1. **Takes note** of the Conclusions on enhancement of cooperation between itself and the RECs and the RMs;
- 2. **Recalls** Communiqué [**PSC/PR/COMM.** (**LXXXV**)] adopted at its 85th meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 8 August 2007, in which Council adopted the Working Methods as contained in the Conclusions of the Dakar Brainstorming Retreat [**PSC/PR/2(LXXXV)**] and decided to review its working methods regularly and to adjust them as the need arises;
- 3. **Further recalls** the Conclusions of its subsequent Retreats held in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 15 to 16 November 2012; in Djibouti, Djibouti, from 9 to 10 February 2013 Maseru, Lesotho, from 22 to 23 February 2014 and in Swakopmund, Namibia, from 21 to 23 May 2015, in which Council reviewed its working methods, implementation of its mandate and the Formula for its interaction with Civil Society Organizations, as well as on issues and challenges in the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa, respectively;
- 4. **Decides** to adopt the Conclusions of the Retreat on Enhancement of Cooperation between the Peace and Security Council and the Regional Economic Communities and the Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, and to submit them to the Assembly of the Union for endorsement;
- 5. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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