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PRESS STATEMENT

**PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 108TH MEETING OF THE PEACE
AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC)**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 108th meeting held on 21 January 2008, held a consultation with competent international organizations, within the framework of article 17 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC, which deals with the relations between the PSC, on the one hand, the United Nations and other international organizations, on the other. The following organizations were invited to participate in the meeting: the United Nations, the European Union, the League of Arab States, *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie*, the Organization of American States, the Commonwealth, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Council expressed appreciation for this initial meeting with the partner organizations. Council seized this occasion to express its gratitude to all AU partners providing support towards the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa.

Council agreed to hold another consultation with a view to articulating the scope of application of article 17 of the PSC Protocol and to agree on ways and means for strengthening the partnership for peace between the AU and its partners within the international community.

Addis Ababa, 21 January 2008

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