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**138<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
29 JUNE 2008  
SHARM EL-SHEIKH, EGYPT**

**PSC/HSG/Comm (CXXXVIII)**

**COMMUNIQUE**

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 138<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 138<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29 June 2008, at the level of Heads of State and Government, adopted the following decision on conflict and post-conflict situations in Africa:

**Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on conflict and post-conflict situations in Africa [PSC/HSG/2 (CXXXVIII)];
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts being deployed in order to promote peace, security and stability in Africa, as well as the progress made to date. Council **ENCOURAGES** all parties concerned to redouble their efforts and **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to support the ongoing processes and mobilize the support of the international community to that effect;
3. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the success of the operation "Democracy in the Comoros", which enabled the Government of the Union of the Comoros to re-establish its authority in Anjouan, and **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the Governments of Tanzania and the Sudan, as well as to Libya and Senegal, which provided support to the Government of the Comoros, in implementation of decision Assembly/Dec.186 (X) adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Addis Ababa, from 31 January to 2 February 2008. Council **ALSO EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the countries of the region, under the coordination of the Republic of South Africa, which spared no effort to assist the Comoros and support the reconciliation efforts in the Archipelago. Council **ALSO THANKS** the AU partners for their support. Council **WELCOMES** the holding in Anjouan, on 15 and 29 June 2008, of elections which made it possible to democratically elect the new President of the Autonomous Island of Anjouan;
4. **WELCOMES** the agreement reached, on 8 June 2008, by the parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) on a 'Roadmap for Return of IDPs and Implementation of the Abyei Protocol', which paves the way towards the resolution of the Abyei impasse, and **URGES** the parties to intensify their efforts with a view to addressing all the outstanding issues in

the implementation of the CPA. Council also **WELCOMES** the appointment by the Chairperson of the Commission of Ambassador Oluyemi Adeniji, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as Special Envoy for the follow-up of the implementation of the CPA;

5. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** at the continued lack of progress in the political process in Darfur, and **URGES** the parties to extend full cooperation to the joint AU-UN Mediation so that substantive negotiations can begin in earnest, and, in this context, **WELCOMES** the impending appointment of a Joint Chief Mediator. Council **ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the continued violence in Darfur and its impact on the civilian population. Council **STRESSES** the need for continued efforts towards the full deployment of UNAMID;
6. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the persisting tension between Chad and the Sudan, and **SUPPORTS** the renewed efforts aimed at facilitating the normalization of relations between the two countries, through the scrupulous implementation of the Dakar Agreement and previous agreements;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to dispatch to the Sudan and Chad a fact-finding mission to gather more information on the situation at the border between the two countries and the tension in their relations, as well as evaluate the efforts deployed thus far to resolve the crisis, and submit recommendations to Council;
8. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the attack perpetrated, on 11 June 2008, by armed groups the chadian territory and **REAFFIRMS** its total rejection of any attempt to seize power by unconstitutional means, in violation of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, as well as the Lome Declaration and other relevant instruments of the AU;
9. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the efforts deployed by the Central African Government in the promotion of an Inclusive Political Dialogue. Council **COMMENDS** the conclusion of the preparatory work for the said Dialogue and **URGES** all the parties concerned to participate in it in a constructive manner. Council **WELCOMES** the signing in Libreville, on 9 May 2008, of a Ceasefire and Peace Agreement between the Government and the People's Army for the Restoration of Democracy (APRD), as well as that of a Comprehensive Peace Agreement also in Libreville on 23 June 2008. Council **TAKES NOTE** of the decision of the ECCAS Summit to transfer the management of the FOMUC from CEMAC to ECCAS, and **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to all the development partners for their constant support and their commitment alongside the Central African

authorities and **ENCOURAGES** them to continue and to strengthen their support towards the consolidation of peace and stability in the CAR;

10. **WELCOMES** the efforts deployed towards the implementation of the Joint Communiqué signed in Nairobi, on 9 November 2007, by the Governments of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda as well as the work achieved by the Joint Monitoring Group established by the Tripartite+ Summit held in Addis Ababa on 5 December 2007. Furthermore, Council **URGES** the Congolese parties to comply with the Goma *Actes d'engagement*, to strictly implement them with a view to accelerating the re-establishment of State authority in the Kivus and promoting the socio-economic development of the two provinces;
11. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the conclusion, in Bujumbura, on 26 May 2008, by the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu/FNL, of a Joint Declaration on the Cessation of Hostilities, which re-launches the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement of 7 September 2006. Council **APPEALS** to Member States and AU partners to provide all the necessary support to the ongoing efforts, thus contributing to the consolidation of peace in Burundi;
12. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the progress made in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire and **WELCOMES**, in particular, the measures taken, on a consensual basis, to hold the presidential elections on 30 November 2008. Council **PAYS TRIBUTE** to President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, the current Chairperson of ECOWAS and Facilitator of the Inter-Ivorian Direct Dialogue. Council **URGES** all the Ivorian parties to maintain and consolidate the momentum for peace prevailing in the country since the signing of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement on 4 March 2007. The Council **CALLS ON** the international community to continue to accompany and support the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire.

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