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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union, at its 161st meeting held on 16 December 2008, considered the draft conclusions of the Retreat of the PSC, held in Livingstone, Zambia, on 4 and 5 December 2008, on a mechanism for interaction between the PSC and the Civil Society Organizations in the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa, within the framework of article 20 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council:

Council,

1. **Recalls** its Retreat held in Livingstone, Zambia, from 4 to 5 December 2008, to consider a mechanism for interaction between the Peace and Security Council and Civil Society Organisations in the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa ;
2. **Adopts** the conclusions of the Retreat of the Peace and Security Council on a mechanism for interaction between the Peace and Security Council and Civil Society Organisations in the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa as contained in the Conclusions of the Livingstone Retreat **[(PSC/PR/(CLX)]** ;
3. **Decides** to review the conclusions regularly and to adjust them as the need arises.

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