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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 168TH MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 168th meeting, held on 5 February 2009, adopted the following decision on the situation in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania:

1. **Recalls** the communiqué of its 163rd meeting held on 22 December 2008;
2. **Decides** that the sanctions envisaged in paragraph nine (9) of the Communiqué of its 163rd Meeting held on 22 December 2008, enter into force;
3. **Requests** the Commission to take the necessary steps for the effective implementation of the sanctions and to report regularly to it;
4. **Further requests** all Member States to scrupulously implement this decision;
5. **Stresses** that the entry into force of the sanctions should be accompanied by efforts of the AU and its partners involving all the Mauritanian parties towards a rapid return to constitutional order in Mauritania. Council **urges** the authorities borne out of the coup to extend their full cooperation to the AU Commission with a view to an immediate return to constitutional order and the quick resolution of the political crisis in the country;
6. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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