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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
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PSC/PR/COMM.(CLXXXVI)

COMMUNIQUE

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 186th MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 186th meeting held on 6 May 2009, examined the report on the implementation of the communiqué of its 182nd meeting held on 24 March 2009, and received a briefing from the Commission on the situation in Mauritania.

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the report [PSC/PR/3 (CLXXXVI)] of the Commission and the briefing by the Commissioner for Peace and Security on recent developments in the situation in Mauritania and the efforts deployed towards the restoration of constitutional order in this country ;
2. **Recalls** the relevant provisions of its Communiqués PSC/MIN/Comm.3 (CLXII) and PSC/PR/Comm.(CLXVIII) adopted at its 163rd, 168th meetings held on 22 December 2008 and 5 February 2009, and in particular the communiqué of its 182nd meeting held on 24 March 2009;
3. **Reaffirms** its commitment to the relevant provisions of the Constitutive Act, the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council, the Algiers Decision and the 1999 Lomé Declaration of 2000 on Unconstitutional Changes of Government, as recalled by the Assembly in decision Assembly/AU/Dec.222 adopted at its 12th ordinary session held in Addis Ababa from 1 to 4 February 2009;
4. **Welcomes** the efforts deployed by the AU with the support of its partners towards finding a consensual solution to the crisis in Mauritania through a return to constitutional order on the basis of the exit strategy proposed by the AU, involving the concerned actors, including President Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi and respecting both the mauritanian Constitution and the international obligations of this country. Council **takes note** of the visit undertaken by Mr. Ali Triki, Chairperson of the Executive Council of the AU and Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security, to Mauritania, from 11 to 14 April 2009, and **expresses its support** to the pursuit of the efforts initiated;
5. **Encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission, in collaboration with partner organizations and States, as well as with all the concerned parties, to pursue and intensify his efforts with a view to assist the Mauritanian parties to reach a consensual and inclusive solution to the crisis, in conformity with the mauritanian Constitution and international commitments of Mauritania;
6. **Requests** the Commission to report to it within a month from the adoption of this communiqué regarding its action and the evolution of the situation in Mauritania, as well as on the implementation of the communiqué of its 182nd meeting held on 24 March 2009;
7. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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