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OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 195th meeting held on 17 June 2009, considered the situation in Central African Republic (CAR) and adopted the following decision:

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in CAR [PSC/PR/2(CXCV)] and statements made by the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission for CAR, representatives of the United Nations, the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the European Union (EU) and the International Organization of la *Francophonie* (OIF);
2. **Recalls** its previous communiqués on the situation in CAR, in particular, the communiqué PSC/PR/Comm.(CXXX) adopted at its 130th meeting held on 29 May 2008;
3. **Notes with satisfaction** the progress and outcome of the inclusive political dialogue (DPI) held in Bangui from 8 to 20 December 2008, and the measures taken to implement recommendations there from, including the establishment on 19 January 2009, of an inclusive Government open to representatives of the political and armed opposition, the establishment of the Follow-up Committee on the recommendations of the Dialogue, the High Court of Justice and the Ad Hoc Committee responsible for reviewing the electoral code, as well as the adoption of the military programming act for the period 2009-2013. Council **urges** all concerned parties to continue to demonstrate the required political commitment with the view to implement, within the timeframe agreed upon, of the recommendations of the DPI. Council **calls upon** Member States, as well as the International community to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance aimed at enabling the DPI Follow-up Committee to discharge its mandate;
4. **Pays** tribute to the leaders of the Central African region, in particular late President El-Haj Omar Bongo Ondimba, for their support to the efforts to consolidate peace, security and stability in CAR. Council **welcomes** the deployment of the mission for the consolidation of peace of CEEAC (MICOPAX) and the remarkable work done on the ground and **encourages** CEEAC to take all necessary measures, as recommended by the joint mission of the AU/EU to CAR and to Libreville with the Secretariat of ECCAS, from 23 to 30 April 2009, to enhance the effectiveness of MICOPAX
5. **Commends** the Chairperson of the Commission for his efforts to date, including through his Special Envoy for RCA, Sadok Fayala, to support the stabilization process in CAR in close cooperation with countries of the region and the international partners of CAR;

6. **Commends** also the international partners of CAR, especially the United Nations through BONUCA, the European Union (EU), the International Organization of la Francophonie (OIF) and International financial institutions, for their multidimensional support to the stabilization and economic recovery process of the Central African Republic;
7. **Takes note** of the measures taken by the Central African Government with a view to improving security and strengthening State authority throughout the territory, and **welcomes** the return in Bangui of the leader of the Movement of Central African Liberators for Justice (MLCJ), as well as the contacts between the Government of CAR and the leadership of the Central African People's Democratic Front (FDPC);
8. **Expresses its grave concern** at the upsurge in armed attacks, acts of banditry and clashes between communities in some parts of the country, as well as over the increasing political and military groups, **strongly condemns** the attacks perpetrated by armed groups and **demands** that they put an immediate end to these attacks and join the political process to consolidate peace and stability in CAR.
9. **Further expresses its grave concern** at the continuous deterioration of the humanitarian situation in CAR and **calls upon** Member States and International community to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to displaced people and refugees in neighboring countries;
10. **Stresses** the need to mobilize all required efforts with a view to implement the DDR programme and security sector reform. In this regard, Council **calls** on Member States and other international partners to provide the necessary support to this end, including restructuring, training and capacity building for the security and defense forces of the Central African Republic;
11. **Urges** all development partners, including international financial institutions to provide increased assistance to the CAR in order to facilitate the efforts made by the Central African Government regarding programs of reform and economic recovery and adapt their assistance to the particular situation of the RCA;
12. **Encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission to strengthen the contribution of the AU in this process, including the mobilization of the Member States and the international community for increased assistance and one that is better suited to CAR, the continued involvement in the implementation of the recommendations of the DPI, in particular assistance and electoral monitoring, for the proper conduct of elections scheduled for April 2010;
13. **Decides** to remain seized of the situation.

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