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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 204TH MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council for of the African Union (AU), at its 204th meeting, held on 17 September 2009, adopted the following decision on the situation in the Republic of Guinea.

Council:

1. **Takes note** of the briefings made by the Commissioner for Peace and Security and Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission for the Republic of Guinea;
2. **Recalls** its earlier communiqués on the situation in Guinea, the conclusions of the meeting of the local part of the International Contact Group on Guinea (ICG-G), held in Conakry on 18 and 19 June 2009, the final communiqué of the 4th meeting of the ICG-G, held in Sirte, Libya, on 27 June 2009, as well as the paragraph on the situation in the Republic of Guinea, as contained in the decision on the Report of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa, adopted by the 13th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in Sirte, from 1 to 3 July, 2009 [Assembly/AU/Dec.252(XIII)] ;
3. **Also recalls** paragraph ten (10) on the situation in the Republic of Guinea, as contained in the Plan of Action adopted by the Special Session of the Assembly of the Union on the Consideration and Resolution of Conflicts in Africa held in Tripoli on 31st August 2009, [SP/Assembly/PS/Plan(I)], and the final communiqué of the 6th meeting of the ICG-G, held in Conakry on 3 and 4 September 2009;
4. **Reiterates** 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 of 1999 and the Lome Declaration of 2000 on Unconstitutional changes of Government ;
5. **Expresses deep concern** over the deteriorating situation in Guinea and the consequences it has for the process of return to constitutional order in the country;
6. **Strongly condemns** the repudiation by Captain Dadis Moussa Camara, President of the National Council for Development and Democracy (CNDD), of his commitment that neither Captain Dadis Moussa Camara and the other members of the CNDD, nor the Prime Minister, will be candidates for the presidential election;
7. **Reaffirms its strong commitment** to the scrupulous implementation of the commitment by the authorities borne out of the coup d'Etat on the neutrality and non-participation of the President and members of the CNDD and the Prime Minister in the elections provided for by the timetable. In this regard, Council **decides** to impose appropriate sanctions against the President of the CNDD and all other individuals, both civilian and military, whose activities are in contravention of those commitments, if,

within a period of one month from this date, the concerned individuals do not formally confirm those commitments and ensure their respect;

8. **Welcomes** the coordination between the AU and ECOWAS and **commends** the ICG-G for its tireless efforts to accompany and support the return to constitutional order in Guinea. In this regard, Council **encourages** the ICG-G to enhance its cohesion and unity, as well as the effectiveness of its action. Council **expresses appreciation** for the support of leaders of the region to the action of ICG-G;

9. **Encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission to continue pursuing, in coordination with the countries of the region, the efforts already initiated by the ICG-G for a rapid return to constitutional order and **requests** him to submit to it, within a period of one month following the adoption of the present decision, a report on the evolution of the situation;

10. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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