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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
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COMMUNIQUE

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), meeting at its 24th meeting, on 7 February 2005, adopted the following communiqué:

A. ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSEMBLY DECISION ON SOMALIA

Council,

1. **Takes note** of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.65(IV) adopted by the 4th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union, held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 30 to 31 January 2005;
2. **Welcomes** the commitment of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda to provide troops and/or equipment for the deployment of an IGAD Peace Support Mission to provide security support to the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia;
3. **Authorizes** IGAD to deploy a Peace Support Mission in Somalia to provide security support to the TFG, in order to ensure its relocation to Somalia, guarantee the sustenance of the outcome of the IGAD peace process, and assist with the reestablishment of peace and security, including the training of the police and the army;
4. **Requests** the Commission, in collaboration with the IGAD Secretariat, to provide support and assistance towards the deployment of the IGAD Peace Support Mission in Somalia;
5. **Calls upon** the AU Member States, the European Union, the United Nations, the League of Arab States and the international community at large to provide support for the IGAD Peace Support Mission to be deployed in Somalia, pending the deployment of an AU Peace Support Mission;
6. **Requests** the Commission of the African Union to expeditiously provide the relevant details for the envisaged deployment of an AU Peace Support Mission in Somalia, as requested by the PSC at its 22nd Meeting, held on 5 January 2005.

B. ON THE SITUATION IN TOGO

Council,

1. **Firmly condemns** the manner through which the de facto Togolese authorities organised the succession in Togo, following the death of Gnassingbé Eyadéma, which constitutes a blatant and unacceptable violation of the Togolese Constitution, as well as the AU Declaration of July 2000 on Unconstitutional Changes of Government, the principles enshrined in the AU Constitutive Act and the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council. Council **also firmly condemns** the revision of the Togolese Constitution made by the de facto authorities, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Togolese Constitution;
2. **Urges** the de facto Togolese authorities to strictly respect the provisions of the Togolese Constitution and **demands** that the Togolese Armed Forces refrain from any interference in the political life of the country and comply with the relevant provisions of the Togolese Constitution;
3. **Welcomes** the statements made by the AU Chairman and the Chairperson of the Commission, as well as the initiatives taken by ECOWAS, to ensure respect of constitutional legality and prevent any development which could negatively affect peace and stability in Togo;
4. **Encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission to maintain close contact with ECOWAS and all other concerned actors to ensure a coherent and firm response to the unconstitutional change which occurred in Togo;
5. **Affirms** its determination, in conformity with article 7(g) of the Protocol relating to the establishment of the PSC and the July 2000 Declaration, to impose the sanctions envisaged in case of unconstitutional changes, should the de facto authorities fail to ensure the rapid restoration of constitutional legality;
6. **Invites** the United Nations, the European Union, the AU bilateral partners and the international community as a whole to strongly support the AU position on the prevailing situation in Togo;
7. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the situation in Togo and **requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to submit a detailed report on the development of the situation and efforts to restore constitutional legality.

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