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352<sup>nd</sup> MEETING  
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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 352<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 16 January 2013, adopted the following decision on post-conflict reconstruction and development (PCRD) efforts in Africa:

**Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the First Progress Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on AU's Efforts on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) in Africa (PSC/PR/2(CCCLII)) and the complementary briefing provided by the Commissioner for Peace and Security, as well as the remarks made by the Commissioner for Political Affairs;
2. **Recalls** the AU-PCRD Policy adopted by the Executive Council in June 2006 in Banjul, The Gambia, and **underlines** the multidimensional character of PCRD. Council **commends** the Commission for the efforts deployed so far in implementing the Policy;
3. **Welcomes** the launching of the African Solidarity Initiative (ASI), and **stresses** that the mobilization of support from within Africa is coming at a critical stage in the history of the continent. In this respect, Council **calls** on Member States to fully appropriate and support the Initiative;
4. **Stresses** the uniqueness of the ASI, which has the potential to promote a new paradigm of Africa helping Africa, capable of enhancing the spirit of pan-Africanism, solidarity and African renaissance;
5. **Calls** for greater cooperation within the Commission, among Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), as well as with partners, including those in South-South cooperation, in the implementation of ASI. Council **stresses** the need for outlining areas of competence of each partner, as well as the building of synergy and complementarities among partners;
6. **Stresses** the importance of promoting champions on the continent with the capacity necessary for taking initiatives towards implementation of post-conflict reconstruction and development programmes;
7. **Urges** all Member States to extend full support towards the organization of an African Solidarity Conference (ASC) planned for the second half of 2013, as part of activities marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OAU-AU, and **requests** the Commission to expedite the process of documentation related to this event;
8. **Calls** for a regular review of PCRD implementation with a view to monitoring progress, drawing and documenting lessons learned, taking into consideration gender dimensions. In this respect, Council **requests** the Commission to submit to it regular reports on the implementation of the AU-PCRD Policy and the ASI in particular;
9. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

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