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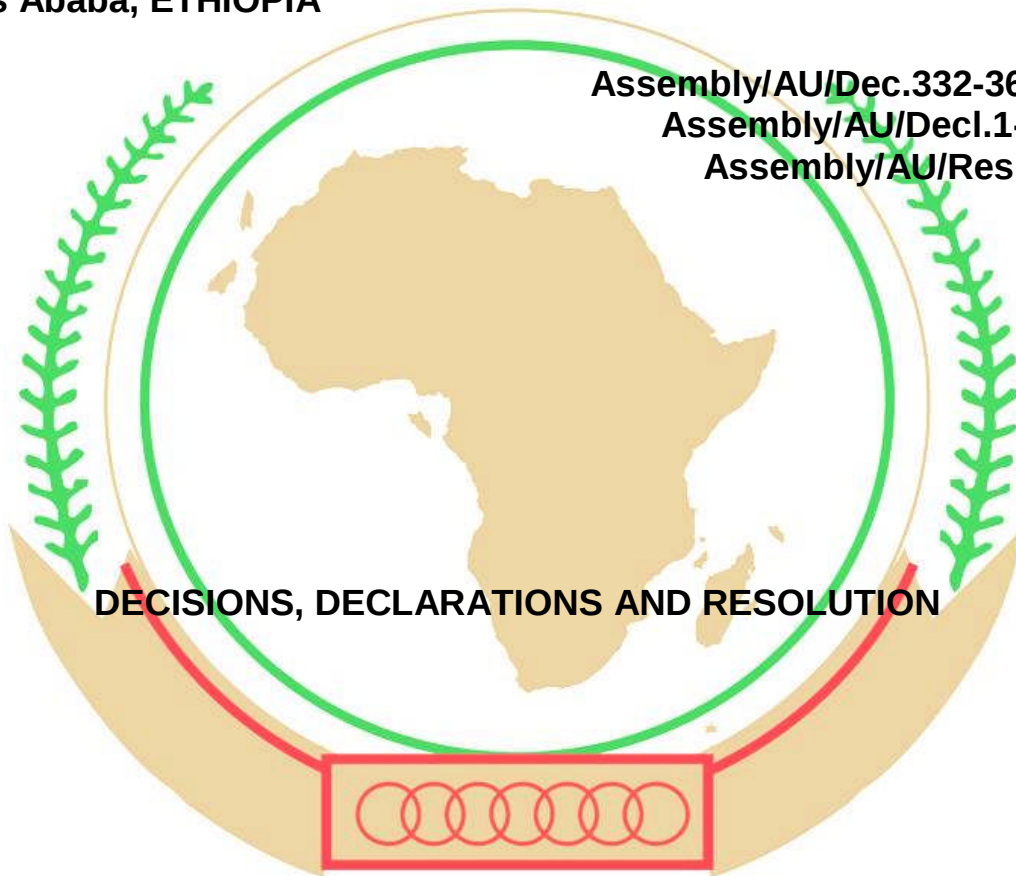
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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON ITS
ACTIVITIES AND THE STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
Assembly/AU/5(XVI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa;
2. **RECALLS** the Tripoli Declaration on the Elimination of Conflicts and the Promotion of Sustainable Peace in Africa [SP/ASSEMBLY/SP: DECL(1)], as well as the Tripoli Plan of Action SP/ASSEMBLY/SP/MAP, adopted at its Special Session on the Consideration and Resolution of Conflicts in Africa, held in Tripoli, Libya, on 31 August 2009. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of both the Declaration and the Plan of Action, and **REITERATES** the need for continued and intensified efforts towards the achievement of the objectives set out in both documents;
3. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the efforts made by the AU and the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RECs/RMs), with the support of the international community, to fully operationalize the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the AU-led Assessment of the APSA, as well as the successful conduct of the *AMANI AFRICA Exercise*, from 13 to 29 November 2010, which made it possible to assess the procedures relating to the deployment of the African Standby Force (ASF) and the capacity of the Commission to undertake multidimensional peace support operations. The Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission and the RECs/RMs, on the basis the recommendations of the APSA Assessment and the resulting AU/RECs-RMs Indicative Roadmap adopted at the 3rd meeting of the Chief Executives of the AU and RECs/RMs, held in Zanzibar, Tanzania, on 8 November 2010, and the lessons learned from the *AMANI AFRICA Exercise*, to speed up the efforts to fully operationalize the APSA. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the support provided by the European Union (EU), as part of the capacity building component of the Africa Peace Facility, as well as by other multilateral and bilateral partners;
4. **WELCOMES** the completion of the implementation of the 16 June 2010 Agreement on the Management of the Interim Period in The Comoros concluded under AU auspices, with the conduct, on 7 November and 26 December 2010, of elections for the Governors of the Autonomous Islands and for the President of the Union, respectively. The Assembly **EXPRESSES ITS COMMENDATIONS** to all Comorian parties, and **URGES** them to persevere in their efforts at consolidating the national reconciliation process in their country. The Assembly **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to all international partners for their support to the electoral process and **URGES** them to provide all the assistance required for the socio-economic development of The Comoros. The Assembly **REAFFIRMS** the AU's position on the sovereignty of the Union of The Comoros over the Island of Mayotte,

SUPPORTS the proposals put forward by the Comorian authorities to resolve the issue, and **REQUESTS** the Committee of Seven to meet as soon as possible to undertake the necessary follow-up on the matter and to submit to the Assembly a report on its activities on regular basis;

5. **REITERATES ITS CONCERN** over the continued stalemate in the process of return to constitutional order in Madagascar. In that regard, the Assembly **RENEWS ITS SUPPORT** for the initiatives and efforts deployed by SADC in coordination with AU, and particularly by the SADC Mediator, former President of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano, to achieve a consensual return to constitutional legality in that country, in accordance with AU relevant instruments, including Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.269(XIV) Rev.1 on the Prevention of Unconstitutional Changes of Government and Strengthening the Capacities of the African Union to Manage such Situations as adopted at its 14th Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa from 31 January to 2 February 2010;
6. **WELCOMES** the efforts made to implement the relevant provisions of decision Assembly/AU/Dec.294, adopted at its 15th Ordinary Session held in Kampala, in July 2010, including Communiqué **PSC/MIN/1(CCXXXXV)** of the 245th Meeting of the PSC, held on 15 October, which, *inter alia*, enhanced the strength of AMISOM, and the appointment, by the Chairperson of the Commission, of former President Jerry John Rawlings of Ghana, as the AU High Representative for Somalia. The Assembly **REITERATES ITS COMMENDATIONS** to Burundi and Uganda for their contribution to AMISOM, as well as to the countries providing personnel for the police component of the Mission;
7. **TAKES NOTE** of resolution 1964(2010) adopted by the UN Security Council on 22 December 2010, notably requesting the Secretary-General to continue to provide a logistical support package for AMISOM as called for by resolution 1863 (2009), for a maximum of 12,000 troops. The Assembly **REITERATES** AU's call to the Security Council to provide greater support to AMISOM and fully assume its responsibilities towards Somalia and its people, including the provision of funding through UN assessed contributions for the payment of troop allowances and the reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment (COE), the imposition of a naval blockade and no-fly zone to prevent the entry into Somalia of foreign fighters and the delivery of ammunitions and equipment to the armed groups opposed to the TFG, and the deployment of a UN operation to take over AMISOM and support the long-term stabilization and reconstruction of Somalia. The Assembly **RENEWS ITS CALL** to the international community as a whole to provide the necessary political, financial and technical support to the enhanced AMISOM;
8. **STRONGLY URGES** the Somali stakeholders to broaden and consolidate the reconciliation process, ensure greater cohesion within the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) and complete the outstanding transitional tasks, including the constitutional process, bearing in mind that 20 August 2011 will mark the end of the transitional period;

9. **ENDORSES** the Communiqué of the Seventeenth Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Sudan, Somalia, and Kenya, held in Addis Ababa, on 30 January 2011;
10. **REITERATES ITS CONCERN** at the continued impasse in the peace process between Ethiopia and Eritrea and **REAFFIRMS** AU's readiness to assist the two countries to overcome the current deadlock through dialogue, and normalize their relations;
11. **CALLS ON** Djibouti and Eritrea to pursue, in good faith, the scrupulous implementation of the 6 June 2010 Agreement reached under the mediation of the Emir of Qatar, in order to resolve their border dispute and consolidate the normalization of their relations;
12. **STRESSES** the need to develop a regional approach to the challenges of peace and security in the Horn of Africa and, in this respect and in line with the relevant provisions of the Tripoli Plan of Action, **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, in collaboration with IGAD, the UN and other stakeholders, to initiate a process of consultations which would lead to a Conference on Peace, Security, Cooperation and Development in the Horn of Africa, in support of regional efforts to foster peace, security, cooperation and development in the Horn of Africa;
13. **COMMENDS** the efforts deployed in Burundi and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to consolidate peace and post-conflict reconstruction. The Assembly **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the conclusion of the electoral process which took place in Burundi between May and September 2010, and **REQUESTS** all Burundi role players to draw lessons from the various elections and work resiliently towards deepening the democratic process in their country and ensuring its socio-economic advancement. The Assembly **URGES** all Congolese role players to strive towards the proper conduct of the general elections due to take place this year, thereby ensuring that the said elections mark a new stage in the deepening of democracy and the consolidation of peace. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** all Member States which are in a position to do so and international partners, to provide the required assistance for post-conflict reconstruction in Burundi and the DRC, pursuant to the recommendations of the multidisciplinary evaluation mission fielded in the two countries in January-February 2010;
14. **WELCOMES** the successful holding, from 9 to 15 January 2011, of the Referendum on the self-determination of Southern Sudan, which constitutes the main benchmark of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The Assembly **COMMENDS** President Omar Hassan Al Bashir and First Vice President Salva Kiir Mayardit, and the Sudanese people in general for this achievement, and **CALLS ON** them to continue to demonstrate the same leadership and commitment in resolving the outstanding issues in the implementation of the CPA, as well as the post referendum arrangements, with the support the AU High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) for Sudan;

15. **REITERATES** AU's commitment to recognize and support the outcome of the Referendum, and **CALLS ON** AU partners and the larger international community to do the same;
16. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the precarious security situation in Darfur and **REITERATES** the need for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to all acts of violence. The Assembly **PAYS TRIBUTE** to UNAMID and to its leadership for their commitment, **EXPRESSES** its full support and confidence in the Joint Special Representative, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, and **ENCOURAGES** the Mission to pursue and intensify its efforts to improve the security situation on the ground, protect the civilian population and provide support to needy Darfur populations, and for early socio-economic recovery;
17. **NOTES** the protracted negotiations and the slow and limited progress in the Doha political talks, and **STRESSES THE NEED** to ensure the speedy conclusion of the Doha peace negotiations. The Assembly, **ONCE AGAIN, DEMANDS** that all the parties, in particular the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA/Abdul Wahid), engage in good faith in negotiations towards a ceasefire, and extend the necessary cooperation to the Joint Chief Mediator (JCM) and the State of Qatar;
18. **REITERATES** the critical importance of the Darfur-based Political Process (DPP) and its immediate commencement as an important mechanism to assist the people of Darfur to participate in and support the peace process, in line with the recommendations of the AU High-Level Panel on Darfur (AUPD) as endorsed by the AU at the highest level and the Conclusions of the 2nd meeting of the Sudan Consultative Forum held in Addis Ababa on 6 November 2010, under the co-chair of the AU and the UN. In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the agreement reached with the GoS regarding the launch of the DPP under the auspices of the AUHIP and UNAMID, in partnership with Qatar, and the active participation of the League of Arab States and other partners, to result in a Darfur-Darfur Conference that will promote a lasting political solution to the conflict in Darfur. The Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to see to it that the JCM harmonize and coordinate the final phase of its activities in line with the DPP and in close coordination with the AUHIP and UNAMID. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the commitment of the State of Qatar to support and contribute to the DPP and **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the Qatari authorities for their commitment to peace in Darfur and Sudan as a whole;
19. **REITERATES ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the work of the AUHIP under the leadership of former Presidents Thabo Mbeki, Abdusalami Abubakar and Pierre Buyoya, which is making a major contribution to the quest for peace, justice and reconciliation in Sudan;
20. **WELCOMES** the visit undertaken to Sudan, in October 2010, by a delegation of the AU Ministerial Committee on Post-Conflict Reconstruction on Sudan, led by the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, in her capacity as Chair of the Committee, and **LOOKS FORWARD** to the timely

implementation of the recommendations made, in particular the dispatching of a technical team of experts to assess post-conflict needs in Sudan and the convening of an African Solidarity Conference to mobilize support for post-conflict reconstruction efforts in the Sudan;

21. **ENCOURAGES** the Central African Republic (CAR) stakeholders to continue, in peace and through dialogue, the electoral process begun on 23 January 2010. The Assembly **URGES** Member States to show solidarity with the CAR and **REQUESTS** the international community to lend greater support towards post-conflict reconstruction in the CAR, including the acceleration of the security sector reform;
22. **EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN** at the prevailing crisis in Côte d'Ivoire following the 2nd round of the presidential elections held on 28 November 2010, **ENDORSES** the PSC Communiqués and **COMMENDS** ECOWAS, the AU Commission and all the African and international leaders involved in the search for a peaceful solution to the crisis. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the AU Commission and ECOWAS to continue with their efforts to find, as soon as possible, a solution that respects democracy and the will of the people as expressed on 28 November 2010 and preserves peace in the country;
23. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts deployed by the *de facto* Authorities and the political actors towards the restoration of constitutional order in Niger, including the referendum on the constitution, local elections and the conduct of the 1st round of presidential and legislative elections. The Assembly **URGES** all the Nigerien stakeholders to place the higher interest of Niger over and above partisan and other considerations and thus facilitate the speedy conclusion of the process of restoration of constitutional legality;
24. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the restoration of constitutional legality in the Republic of Guinea with the conduct, on 7 November 2010, of the second round of the presidential election. The Assembly **STRESSES** the historic importance of this process which has ushered in a democratically elected President in Guinea. The Assembly **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to Guinea's partners who, throughout this difficult process, demonstrated their readiness to strive towards the democratization and development of this country, and **CALLS ON** them to pursue and intensify their support for the socio-economic recovery in Guinea ;
25. **STRESSES** the need to deploy continuous efforts for the consolidation of peace and the socio-economic development of Guinea Bissau and **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the strides made in that regard. The Assembly **URGES** all the stakeholders concerned to do everything possible to ensure the convening of the Donors' Conference, which has been repeatedly postponed, in order to facilitate the mobilization of the resources required for the Priority Economic Recovery Programme ;

26. **EXPRESSES** its solidarity with the people of Tunisia and **URGENTLY APPEALS** to all the Tunisian parties to work together, in unity, peace, consensus and respect of legality, towards a peaceful and democratic transition which will enable the people of Tunisia to freely choose their leaders through open, free, democratic and transparent elections ;
27. **NOTES** the Review launched by the United Nations Secretary General to improve the international civilian capacities in order to better assist countries emerging from conflict and the conclusions of the regional consultation organized jointly, in Addis Ababa, on 8 December 2010, by the UN Secretariat and the AU Commission, with the support of ACCORD, and **LOOKS FORWARD** to the completion of the Review, which will contribute to the enhancement of the civilian dimension of the ASF and facilitate a more effective support to countries emerging from conflicts;
28. **REITERATES** its deep concern at the worsening scourge of terrorism and the threat posed by this situation, **CONDEMNS** in the strongest terms all the terrorist attacks committed over the past few months in various parts of the continent, and **UNDERScores** the need for closer cooperation and coordination among Member States, based on relevant African and international instruments. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the steps taken by the Commission in pursuance of decision Assembly/AU/Dec.311(XV), adopted at its Kampala Session, including the appointment of Mr. Francisco Madeira as the AU Special Representative for Counter-Terrorism Cooperation and as the new Director of the African Centre on Research and Study on Terrorism (ACRST), the follow-up on the decisions of the AU regarding the prohibition of the payment of ransom to terrorist groups, and the convening, in Algiers, Algeria, on 15 and 16 December 2010, of a meeting of experts from Member States to consider and adopt the draft African Model Law on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, prepared by the Commission;
29. **WELCOMES** the convening, by the Commission, of the 1st Conference of State Parties to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Pelindaba Treaty) in Addis Ababa, on 4 November 2010, which elected the members of the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (ACNE) and established its headquarters in South Africa. The Assembly **EXPRESSES** AU's conviction that the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone constitutes an important step towards strengthening the non-proliferation regime, promoting cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, promoting general and complete disarmament, and enhancing regional and international peace and security. The Assembly **CALLS UPON** the AU Member States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Treaty of Pelindaba without further delay, and **APPEALS** to the concerned non-African States to speedily sign and ratify the relevant Protocols to the Pelindaba Treaty and to comply with all the commitments contained therein;
30. **WELCOMES** the efforts being deployed by the Commission towards the development of a comprehensive AU Policy Framework on Security Sector Reform (SSR), within the context of the Policy on Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development, as requested by the Assembly at its 10th Ordinary Session held in

Addis Ababa in January 2008, and **REQUESTS** that the draft Policy be submitted as soon as possible to the relevant policy organs;

31. **COMMENDS** the Commission for the steps taken to follow-up on the recommendations contained in the Prodi Report on UN Support to AU peacekeeping operations authorized by the Security Council, including its contribution to the debate of the UN Security Council of 22 October 2010 on the report submitted to it by the UN Secretary-General. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the Chairperson of the Commission to prepare and submit to the PSC a report on AU's strategic vision of the cooperation between the African Union and the UN on peace and security matters, as a contribution to the consideration by the Security Council of the next report of the UN Secretary-General on this issue, bearing in mind relevant AU decisions and the need for a flexible and creative interpretation of Chapter VIII of the UN Charter.

