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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 309TH MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 309th meeting, held on 25 January 2012, was briefed by Ambassador Monica Juma, the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the AU, in her capacity as the Chairperson of the PSC for the month of January 2012, and Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, the Commissioner for Peace and Security, on the deliberations of the UN Security Council meetings on Somalia and on the AU-UN partnership, that were held in New York, on 11 and 12 January 2012, respectively, and adopted the following decision:

Council:

1. **Recalls** Communiqué (PSC/PR/COMM./((CCCVII) of its 307th meeting held on 9 January 2012, which considered the report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the partnership between the African Union and the United Nations on peace and security;
2. **Welcomes** resolution 2033 (2012) adopted by the Security Council on 12 January 2012, which acknowledges the progress made in the ongoing cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union and **stresses** the importance of further developing effective partnership between the AU PSC and the UN Security Council consistent with Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. In this regard, Council **commits** itself to the full implementation of the resolution;
3. **Reiterates** its call for the enhancement of coordination on peace and security issues between the PSC, the African members of the UN Security Council and the African Group in New York, to ensure that AU views are taken into account;
4. **Welcomes** the demonstrated commitment of the UN Security Council to deal with Somalia in a comprehensive manner and **further welcomes** the ongoing process towards the review of the AMISOM mandate and **expresses** hope that this would be timeous, facilitate peace and stability, political transition and the recovery of Somalia;
5. **Notes** the continued threat by spoilers, which undermines the peace process in Somalia and in this regard, **welcomes** the steps taken by the UN Security Council by its adoption of resolution 2023 (2011), as a follow-up of UN Security Council resolution 1907 (2009). Council **underscores** the need for the full implementation of these and other relevant resolutions. In this regard, Council **calls on** AU Member States to take adequate measures to fully implement the provisions of these resolutions;
6. **Stresses** the need for engaging all AU Member States, as well as potential partners, with a view to mobilizing more resources for the AU Peace Fund;

7. **Underscores** the value of the international engagement with Somalia, and the importance of the proposed conference on Somalia on the overall strategy for turning that country around. Council **commends**, once again, the United Kingdom for its leadership and in view of the need for greater coherence and synergy, **agrees** to convene a preparatory session whose outcome would feed into the London Conference;
8. **Agrees** to convene a reflective session to brainstorm on how to ensure proactive action, as well as to further enhance the AU-UN partnership and review modalities of work to improve effectiveness in the work of the Council;
9. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.