PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
1130<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

10 JANUARY 2023
ADDIS-ABABA, ETHIOPIA

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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 1130th meeting held on 10 January 2023, on Consideration of the Conclusions of the Ninth High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa, held at the ministerial level, in Oran, Algeria, from 7 to 9 December 2022:

The Peace and Security Council,

Taking note of the opening statement made by H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in his capacity as the Chairperson of the AU PSC for the month of December 2022;

Recalling the Conclusions of all previous High-Level Seminars on Peace and Security in Africa’, as well as the related pronouncements and decisions, particularly, Communique [PSC/PR/COMM.1056 (2021)] adopted at its 1056th meeting held on 30 December 2021;

Also recalling the primary responsibility of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in the maintenance of international peace and security as stated in paragraph 17 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC of the AU;

Determined to continuously strengthen the capacity of the African Members (A3) of the United Nations Security Council (UNSCA) to amplify the African voice and to further enhance the effectiveness of the A3 in articulating, defending and promoting common African positions and interests, within the UN Security Council; and

Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council

1. Decides to adopt the Conclusions of the Ninth High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa held in Oran, Algeria, from 7 to 9 December 2022;

2. Commends the Government of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria for hosting the Ninth High Level Seminar in collaboration with the African Union Commission and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR);

3. Applauds the outgoing A3 Member, namely, the Republic of Kenya, for its exemplary contribution and as A3 Coordinator during its tenure in the UN Security Council;

4. Congratulates the Republic of Mozambique on its election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council and expresses Africa’s hope for the country’s unwavering commitment to champion the common African positions and interests within the UN Security Council;

5. Encourages the newly configured A3, namely, Gabon, Ghana and Mozambique, to maintain the current momentum, preserve the gains made thus far, and to continue strengthening their unity and coordination, with a view to more effectively amplifying and spearheading the African voice on peace and security issues of interest and concern to Africa, within the decision-making process of the UN Security Council;

6. Underlines the importance of cohesion and enhanced coordination among the A3, with a view to ensuring effective articulation, promotion and defense of Africa’s positions and interests within the UNSC decision-making process on peace and security issues of interest and concern to the Continent and its people;
7. **Requests** the AU Commission, to take all necessary steps to facilitate the effective implementation of the outcomes of the Ninth High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa; including the development of an implementation matrix for the Conclusions of the Seminar to be submitted for consideration by the 10th High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa, which will coincide with the 10th Anniversary of the Seminar, to be held in Oran, Algeria in December 2023; and

8. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.
Communiqué of the 1130th Meeting of the Peace and Security Council, Held on 10 January 2023, on Consideration of the Conclusions of the 9th High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa, held at the ministerial level, in Oran, Algeria, from 7 to 9 December 2022.

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