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PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1160th meeting held on 30 June 2023, which was dedicated to a Consultative Meeting between the PSC and the Pan-African Parliament (PAP).

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling Article 17 paragraph (1) of the AU Constitutive Act which provides for the establishment of the Pan-African Parliament, primarily “to ensure the full participation of African peoples in the development and economic integration of the Continent”;

Also recalling Article 18 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council, which stipulates that the PSC should maintain close working relations with the Pan-African Parliament in furtherance of peace, security and stability in Africa;

Further recalling its decisions and pronouncements on its working relations with the Pan-African Parliament, particularly, Press Statement [PSC/PR/BR.(CCCXLIV)] adopted by the 344th PSC meeting held on 27 November 2012, which was dedicated to an interactive session with the Pan-African Parliament Committee on Cooperation, International Relations, and Conflict Resolution; and Press Statement [PSC/PR/BR. (CXLVIII)] adopted at its 148th meeting held on 22 August 2008, which was dedicated to a consultative session with the President of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), on the efforts of the Pan-African Parliament towards peacebuilding in Africa;

Noting the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Sophia Nyamudeza, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the AU and PSC Chairperson for the month of June 2023; the statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; and the presentation by Honorable Fortune Zephania Charumbira, President of the Pan-African Parliament;

Determined to ensure effective synergies between the PSC and the PAP in working towards completely silencing the guns in Africa by the year 2030, and creating conducive conditions for the realization of the AU Vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena; as well as the realization of the aspirations of AU Agenda 2063; and

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

1. **Commends** the Pan-African Parliament for its contribution to the promotion of peace, security, stability, and for representing the African people in the development and integration of the Continent and, **congratulates and supports** the new leadership of the Pan-African Parliament;
2. Mindful of each other’s respective mandate, **underscores the need** for the two Organs to continue to explore practical means and ways of further enhancing their collaboration and cooperation in the promotion of peace, security and stability in the Continent, as well as African common positions on peace and security matters, particularly, in the international fora;
3. **Encourages** the Pan-African Parliament to continue championing African interests and African common positions including advocating for the lifting of sanctions and unilateral coercive measures imposed against African Union Member States;

4. **Also encourages** the Pan-African Parliament to consider forging close working relations with similar organizations from other Continents or regions, in order to galvanize support for African interests, as well as to enhance collaboration and cooperation in addressing issues relating to the promotion of peace, security, democracy and good governance in the Continent;
5. **Takes note** of the institutional capacity challenges facing the Pan-African Parliament, particularly inadequate funding and, in this regard, **emphasizes the need** for redoubling resource mobilization efforts, in order to enable the Parliament to effectively discharge its mandate;
6. **Commends** the AU Commission for the renewed efforts to enhance its engagements with the Pan-African Parliament; and **reiterates the need** for the AU Commission to continue to work closely with the Parliament towards the implementation of the provisions of Article 18 of the PSC Protocol;
7. **Also commends** all Member States which have already signed and ratified the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the AU relating to the Pan-African Parliament (also known as the 2014 Malabo Protocol); and **encourages** those Member States, which have not yet done so, to also consider doing so expeditiously, in order to enable the Protocol to enter into force;
8. **Requests** the Pan-African Parliament to regularly engage with the PSC on its activities relating to the promotion of peace, security, stability, democracy and good governance on the Continent;
9. **Decides** to institutionalize and regularize the annual consultative meeting, between the PSC and PAP, on peace and security in Africa to be hosted alternatively in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa and, in this respect, **decides** that the next annual consultative meeting will be held in June 2024, in Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; and
10. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.