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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1342nd meeting held on 28 April 2026 on Consideration of the Report on Joint African Union (AU) – Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) – United Nations (UN) Progress Against Benchmarks and AU Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM) Mission Configuration Plan.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling all previous decisions and pronouncements on the situation in Somalia and on ATMIS, particularly Communiqués [PSC/MIN/COMM.1330 (2026)] adopted at its 1330th meeting held on 12 February 2026; Communiqué [PSC/MIN/COMM.1324 (2026)], adopted at its 1324th meeting held on 6 January 2026; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1238 (2024)], adopted at its 1238th meeting held on 28 October 2024; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1225 (2024)], adopted at its 1225th meeting held on 1 August 2024; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1217 (2024)], adopted at its meeting held on 20 June 2024; and Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1205 (2024)], adopted at its 1205th meeting held on 3 April 2024;

Also recalling all relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, particularly, Resolution 2628(2022), which authorized the reconfiguration of AMISOM into ATMIS; Resolution 2710 (2023), which authorized the AU Member States to deploy up to 17626 uniformed personnel to ATMIS till 31 December 2023; Resolution 2741 (2024) which called for finalisation of the overall design of the follow-on mission to ATMIS, its implications for the UN and provide insight on the estimated resources required for the mission and costs thereof; Resolution 2748 (2024) which calls for maintaining momentum on the security transition to the successor mission; Resolution 2767(2025) adopted on 3 March 2025, which endorsed the PSC decision to replace the AU Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) with the AUSSOM with effect from 1 January 2025; and Resolution 2809 (2025) adopted on 12 December 2025, which called for a report of AUSSOM Configuration Plan;

Reaffirming alignment of the AU Vision for a stable and prosperous Africa with the aspirations of the Somali people, while **reiterating** the AU respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Somalia;

Taking note of the Opening Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Hirut Zemene Kassa, Permanent Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for the month of April 2026; the Introductory Statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; as well as the statements by the Representative of the Federal Republic of Somalia; and

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

1. **Welcomes** the progress achieved in Somalia and, in this regard, **commends** the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) for its leadership and for the sustained efforts being deployed to consolidate the registered milestones, including by strengthening governance and preserving the security gains made by Somali Security Forces in the fight against Al-Shabaab; and in the same vein, **encourages** the FGS to continue to embrace and sustain dialogue with the Federal Member States in addressing any differences that may exist between them in order to promote national unity, social cohesion and coordination of counter terrorism efforts towards peace, stability and state building

2. **Urges** the Federal Government of Somalia and Partners to support effective stabilization programs in the areas liberated from Al-Shabaab so as to win the hearts and minds of the people, as well as the establishment of effective state institutions, and sustained logistical support;
3. **Reiterates** the AU commitment to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and unity of Somalia; and **underscores** that the AU primary goal is to support the Federal Government of Somalia in defeating the Al Shabaab terrorist group, foster durable peace and stability amongst others by supporting state-building and peace-building efforts, as well as supporting the country's key priorities;
4. **Acknowledges** the invaluable contributions of the AUSSOM Troop and Police Contributing Countries (T/PCCs), for their continued sacrifices which is testimony of their unwavering commitment and dedication to promoting the AU peace and security agenda in the Continent;
5. **Pays tribute** to all AUSSOM men and women for their personal sacrifices and commitment to the cause of peace; in particular, to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty; **expresses deep condolences** to their families and countries and **wishes** speed recovery to all those nursing injuries from the Al Shabaab attacks;
6. **Urges** the Federal Government of Somalia to enhance force generation, regeneration and capacity building, including the recruitment of Community/ Local Defence Forces (LDFs), and mobile forces to hold areas, and undertake operations as part of the clear, hold and build strategy, so as to preserve the gains made and as an overarching factor to inform the exit strategy;
7. **Also acknowledges** UN Security Council Resolution 2809(2025) which strongly encouraged the AU, jointly with the FGS, to transmit to the Security Council, by 30 April 2026, updated plans for AUSSOM's configuration and the size of its deployed force;
8. **Endorses** the Report of the Joint African Union – Federal Government of Somalia – UN Progress Against Benchmarks and AUSSOM's Configuration Plan; and **commends** the AU, the Federal Government of Somalia and the UN for the successful completion of the Joint Technical Assessment;
9. **Stresses** that since its establishment in January 2025, AUSSOM has not yet achieved its full mandated configuration capacity due to administrative and operational reasons and, in this regard, **underscores the need** to ensure full deployments to enable the Mission to successfully implement its mandate;
10. **Also notes with deep concern on** the lack of predictable, adequate and sustainable funding for AUSSOM; and in this respect, **underlines the urgent need** to scale up financial resource mobilization efforts including sustained engagements on the application of UN Resolution 2719 (2023) to enable it to more effectively deliver on its mandate;
11. **Recommends** the use of part of the interest accrued from the AU Peace Fund investment, including the Crisis Reserve Facility (CRF), to substantially contribute to addressing the funding gap in the 2025 and 2026 budget of AUSSOM, including for training, technical assistance, and ammunitions; further, **urges** the Commission to convene a High-Level Resource Mobilization Conference to support AUSSOM's operational and financial requirements;
12. **Commends** all TCCs which have deployed additional troops, based on bilateral arrangements with the Federal Government of Somalia, particularly the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Republic of Uganda for their continued commitment and sacrifices in addressing the prevailing security situation in Somalia; and **encourages** the other TCCs to consider doing the same;

13. **Notes with deep concern** that while Al Shabaab may have been significantly degraded, it still poses an existential threat not only to Somalia but to the entire region and beyond, and in this context **calls** for sustained efforts in fighting the group until it is totally defeated. In the same context, Council **emphasizes** that any considerations of AUSSOM draw-down must be conditions-based, in order to avoid the creation of a security vacuum;
14. **Condemns in the strongest terms** the attacks by Al-Shabaab targeting security forces, humanitarian and medical personnel, and its terrorist attacks against government officials, civilians, and civilian infrastructure and AUSSOM personnel in Somalia, and elsewhere in the region;
15. **Underscores the necessity** of continued support to the FGS in degrading Al-Shabaab while prioritizing civilian protection and in this regard **commends** all partners for their support and **encourages them** to upscale their support in order to enable the FGS to consolidate the gains registered thus far, including in terms of capacity building interventions in favour of the Somalia defence and security forces;
16. **Reiterates** its call for the Commission to urgently convene a meeting of the AUSSOM TCCs/PCCs at the level of Chiefs of Defence Forces, to discuss on the proposed three options, including their implications on the sustainability of AUSSOM and its operations; and to submit detailed report with their recommendations for Council's consideration;
17. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to urgently transmit the Report and the present Communique to the UN Secretary-General and to the Coordinator of the African Members of the UN Security Council (A3), and to the rest of the UN Security Council Members as a reference working document; and
18. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.