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Press Statement

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Addis Ababa 18 April 2019 – On 9 April 2019 Amani Africa marked the one-year anniversary of its flagship project *Insights on the PSC* and is pleased to issue this press statement marking this milestone.

Amani Africa Media and Research Services is a pan-African international policy research, training and consulting think tank with expertise on the African Union (AU) system, including notably African Union's work on peace and security. Amani Africa contributes to the continental vision of a peaceful Africa through engaging in independent policy research and knowledge production in line with **Article 20 of the PSC Protocol** and **paragraph 19 of the 2009 Tripoli Declaration on the Elimination of Conflicts in Africa and the Promotion of Sustainable Peace**. In particular, it supports the work of the Peace and Security Council (PSC), the premier peace and security policymaking body of the AU, through its flagship project *Insights on the PSC*.

Insights on the PSC is similar to the New York based Security Council Report's publication called 'What is in Blue?' which tracks and provides analysis on the agenda items of the sessions of the UN Security Council. Modeled on 'What is in Blue?', Amani Africa's *Insights on the PSC* also presents independent and research based outside input that helps the PSC in its deliberation on and consideration of the subject on the agenda of its session. *Insights on the PSC* accomplishes this by providing a focused, thorough and up-to-date analysis on the agenda of the session highlighting the policy issues for PSC action and the expected outcome of the session.

Each analysis of *Insights on the PSC* is produced based on the systematic review and analysis of publicly available information including provisional program of work of the PSC and previous decisions of AU policy organs most

notably that of the PSC itself, regular tracking and reviewing of the peace and security situation or theme under consideration, and extensive consultations with those engaged on the item on PSC session's agenda. Amani Africa has also relied on the institutional memory it has built over the years by collecting and documenting the outcome documents of the sessions of the PSC since its inauguration in May 2004.

Amani Africa is driven by its core institutional values of independence, impartiality, transparency and professionalism. It collects the relevant data for its analysis from works of the AU, RECs/RMs, the UN, member states and field based research works and reports of think tanks, humanitarian actors and the media. In all its products Amani Africa has publicly recognized the support it has received for implementing its project. *Insights on the PSC* has been regularly produced in line with the provisional program of work of and the sessions of the PSC and widely circulated among members of the PSC, the AU Commission and the wider diplomatic community in Addis Ababa and beyond. Upon production, each analysis is also posted on the website of Amani Africa and its social media platforms for making the PSC and its work known to the wider African public.

Amani Africa commenced the flagship project on 14 February with the production of its first analysis on the PSC session on the situation in Somalia held on 15 February 2018. Since that time, we produced following the monthly program of work of the PSC more than 80 *Insights on the PSC*. As Amani Africa, we would not have achieved these without the support and partnership of various PSC stakeholders. We are pleased that Amani Africa's *Insights on the PSC* has established itself as a flagship program that has received wide recognition and reception in the wider AU system, within the diplomatic community in Addis Ababa and increasingly in New York. This has enhanced the knowledge on and the interest in the PSC and its work.

Through *Insights on the PSC*, Amani Africa has established a brand and a unique platform to

enhance understanding of the PSC's agenda and to promote informed engagement with the PSC by all stakeholders working on peace and security in Africa. Amani Africa aspires to become the leading pan-African centre of excellence on African multilateral policy action on peace and security by working closely with the PSC and the broader AU system.

9 April marked the one-year anniversary of the official *Insights on the PSC* project launch. As we mark the one-year anniversary, we would like to extend our deep gratitude to members of the PSC, the AU Commission, our partners and the wider AU stakeholders for their support and collaboration, which has brought *Insights on the PSC* on the threshold of its successful institutionalization.

Beyond *Insights on the PSC*, Amani Africa presents from time to time seminars on issues of topical importance on peace and security. It has also started producing special thematic research reports that provide a more in-depth review and analysis on a subject related to the work of the PSC. Amani Africa plans to complement this by building a database and producing an authoritative reference handbook. Further deepening its intellectual engagement on the AU, Amani Africa is in the process of preparing capacity enhancing short training packages on the AU structures and institutional developments, policy-making processes and current policy issues and dynamics.

We are an institution with a dedicated team that strives to support the AU in undertaking its mandate and in promoting its work. As in the past year, we look forward to our continued engagement and closer partnership for the realization of our common vision of a peaceful and prosperous Africa.



Friends of Amani at the one-year anniversary, April 9 2019



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ABOUT US

Amani Africa is an independent African based policy research, training and consulting think tank that operates as the first and only institution with a specialization and primary focus on Africa multilateral policy processes notably the African union.

We support the pan-African dream of peaceful, prosperous and integrated Africa through research, training, strategic communications, technical advisory services, and convening and facilitation.

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