

PSC Program of Work for July 2018

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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) provisional program of work for July has a relatively light agenda and includes two major activities that takes the Council away from Addis; the joint consultative meeting with the UN Security Council and the field mission to Guinea Bissau. In a departure from what is recently becoming a culture of the Council to have at least one open session every month, the month will have no open session.

The program of the month started with a presentation by the President of the Republic of Togo of the Report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa, and the Report of the PSC on the Implementation of the AU Master Roadmap of the Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by Year 2020 to the 31st Ordinary Session of the Union.

After a break for a week, on 9 July the PSC will discuss the situation in the DRC. The meeting will receive a briefing on the political and security situation in the country in light of the increasing tension and conflict surrounding the holding of the parliamentary and presidential elections scheduled for December 2018.

The meeting on 10 July is dedicated for the preparation for the 12th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting with the UN Security Council that will take place from 16-20 July 2018 in New York. The same meeting will consider and adopt the draft provisional PSC program for the month of August 2018.

On 12 July, the Council will again discuss and finalize the preparation for the 12th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting

with the UN Security Council. The meeting will also discuss the preparation for the PSC Field Mission to Guinea Bissau. On 24 July, the PSC will discuss the situation in Mali/Sahel. The meeting will take place against the background of the latest attacks that targeted the headquarters of the G5 Sahel Task Force. It will discuss the insecurity, the political process and the role of the AU in the G5 initiative. PSC's field mission to Guinea Bissau, that will take place from 28-31 July 2018 will be the last activity of the PSC month. The field mission will closely examine and talk to stakeholders of the protracted political crisis in the country.