

# THE MAJOR PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES IN AFRICA IN THE YEAR THE AU MARKS ITS 20 YEARS

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2022 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the African Union (AU). In reviewing the record of the AU in its two decades of existence, the aspect of AU's role that is sure to attract the most scrutiny relates to the area of peace and security. While this special research report is not meant to provide such a comprehensive review, it seeks to provide an analysis of the major peace and security issues in Africa in 2022 as a useful lens for understanding where the AU's peace and security order stands 20 years after AU's launch. In presenting the analysis on the various major peace and security issues afflicting the continent, this report attests to both the importance of AU's role and how its role has become more, not less, important today than at the time of its establishment, notwithstanding recent regressions in its performance.

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