

The reform of the AU: towards the Peace and Security Council 'we want'

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The point of departure for the reform of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) is President Paul Kagame's report on the reform of the AU.¹ The report lamented that '[d]espite its strong legal framework and enhanced powers and functions, the quality of the Peace and Security (Council)'s decision-making, engagement, and impact do not meet the ambition envisaged in the PSC Protocol.'² Underscoring that 'thorough reform' of the PSC was required, the report recommended '(a) reviewing the PSC's membership, in line with Article 5(2) of the PSC Protocol, (b) strengthening the PSC's working methods, and (c) strengthening the PSC's role in prevention and crisis management.

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