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1274TH MEETING

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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1274th meeting held on 16 April 2025 considering the Conclusions of the Fourth Joint Retreat of the AU PSC and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) held from 7 to 8 April 2024, under the theme: “Enhancing the role of the APRM in early warning and in contributing towards conflict prevention and strengthening good governance in accordance with AU normative instruments”.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling previous Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.686 (XXX)] of the 30th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the Union, which mandated the APRM as an early warning tool for conflict prevention;

Further recalling Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1191 (2024)] adopted at its 1191st meeting held on 17 January 2024, which adopted the Conclusions of the Third Joint Retreat of the PSC of the AU and the APRM held from 11 to 12 December 2023, under the theme: “*Strengthening Diversity Management in Africa as an effective Response to Governance, Peace and Security Challenges in Africa.*”

Faithful to the relevant provisions of the AU Constitutive Act, the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, particularly Article 12 on the Continental Early Warning System, and all related AU normative instruments on democracy and good governance;

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

1. **Expresses appreciation** to the co-chairs, H.E Amb. Rebecca Amuge Otengo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for April 2025, and H.E Amb Ali Ahmed Arita, Vice-Chairperson of the African Peer Review (APR) Panel of Eminent Persons, for co-chairing the Fourth Joint Retreat between the PSC and APRM;
2. **Adopts** the Conclusions of the Fourth Joint Retreat of the PSC of the AU and the APRM and its recommendation; and **requests** the AU Commission and APRM Continental Secretariat to ensure the implementation of the Conclusions and report back to the next PSC-APRM Joint Retreat;
3. **Encourages** Member States to redouble efforts in strengthening institutions to promote democracy, good governance, constitutionalism and the rule of law in accordance with AU normative instruments; and **emphasizes** the importance of integrating structural prevention mechanisms, such as early warning tools and resilience assessments, into governance strategies at both national and continental levels, ensuring they inform public policy formulation and decision-making processes;
4. **Expresses appreciation** to all the AU Organs/Institutions, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) and partners, such as ACCORD and GIZ, for their support towards the organisation and successful holding of the Fourth Joint Retreat;
5. **Commends** the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the successful hosting of the Fourth Joint Retreat of the PSC and the APRM, from 7 to 8 April 2025, in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province;

6. **Decides** to hold the Fifth PSC-APRM Joint Retreat at a date and venue to be jointly agreed upon; and
7. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.