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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1276th meeting held on 29 April 2025 on Update on the status of the operations of the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM).

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling its previous decisions and pronouncements on the situation in Somalia and on ATMIS, particularly Communiqué [PSC/MIN/COMM.1253 (2024)] adopted at its 1253rd meeting, held on 19 December 2025; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1225(2024)] adopted at its 1225th meeting held on 1 August 2024; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1236 (2024)] adopted at its 1236th held on 22 October 2024, and Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1238 (2024)] adopted at its 1238th meeting held on 28 October 2024;

Also recalling the UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2628(2022), which authorized the reconfiguration of AMISOM into ATMIS; UNSC Resolution 2710 (2023); UNSC Resolution 2741 (2024) which calls for finalization of the overall design of the follow-on mission to ATMIS and its implications for the UN the estimated resources required for the mission and costs thereof including, but not limited to, the framework established by resolution 2719 (2023); UNSC Resolution 2748 (2024) which calls for maintaining momentum on the security transition to the successor mission; and UNSC Resolution 2767 (2024) which endorsed the establishment of AUSSOM;

Reaffirming the AU's solidarity with the people and the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia in their aspirations for durable peace, security, stability, and prosperity;

Reiterating the AU's respect for the sovereignty, unity, independence, and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Somalia;

Taking note of the Opening statement by H.E. Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda and stand-in Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) for the month of April 2025; and the briefing by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security;

Also taking note of the Statements by H.E. Ambassador Abdullahi Warfa, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Somalia, and by Mr. Abebe Muluneh, Director of Peace and Security of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD); and

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

1. **Welcomes** progress in advancing the democratization process in the Federal Republic of Somalia, which represents a unique opportunity to consolidate gains made towards strengthening stability;
2. **Urges** the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and all political stakeholders to remain open to political dialogue towards peaceful, inclusive and transparent elections in the best interest of the country and its people;
3. **Expresses concern** over the prevailing security situation and condemn attacks by Al Shabaab perpetuated against civilian, government personnel, and AUSSOM troops;

4. In particular, **strongly condemns** the cowardly car bomb attack in Mogadishu on 18 March 2025, targeting President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud and extends deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this senseless act of violence and wishes a swift recovery to the injured; in this regard, **calls for** sustained vigilance and continued regional and international cooperation to defeat terrorism and promote lasting peace and stability in Somalia and the entire Horn of Africa;
5. **Reaffirms** the AU's commitment to supporting the FGS in its efforts to maintain security and protect civilians; and **commends** the FGS and Troop Contributing Countries/Police Contributing Countries (T/PCCs) for their continued efforts in degrading Al Shabaab;
6. **Endorses** the outcomes of the Somalia Operations Coordination Committee (SOCC) of 25 February 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and **further endorses** Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda as AUSSOM TCCs. AUSSOM is authorized to have a total number of 11,911 military, police and civilians, with the military breakdown as follows:
 - a. Uganda: 4,500 troops.
 - b. Kenya: 1,410 troops.
 - c. Ethiopia: 2,500 troops.
 - d. Djibouti: 1,520 troops.
 - e. Egypt: 1,091 troops.
7. **Equally endorses** Egypt, Nigeria and Sierra Leone as the AUSSOM Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) providing Formed Police Units (FPUs), which will be augmented by individual police officers from Djibouti, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia;
8. **Further welcomes** the deployment plan of AUSSOM and the liquidation of ATMIS;
9. **Highly commends** the Burundi troops, as well as the Ghana and Uganda FPUs for their sacrifices, courage, and professionalism since their deployments in Somalia, which contributed to the successful implementation of the mandates of AMISOM and ATMIS;
10. **Directs** the Commission, in close collaboration with the United Nations (UN), to ensure the smooth repatriation of the Burundian troops, as well as Ghanaian and Ugandan FPUs in an orderly and coordinated manner to avoid a security vacuum; in this regard, **requests** the AU and UN to finalize the procedures for their repatriation;
11. In addition, **welcomes** and **endorses** the Communiqué of the Extra-Ordinary Summit of the Troop Contributing Countries to the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia and the Federal Government of Somalia adopted on 25 April 2025 in Entebbe, Uganda; and **looks forward** to the implementation of its outcome;
12. To this effect, **highly commends** the astute leadership of **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda, for successfully hosting the Extra-Ordinary AUSSOM TCCs Summit, as well as the active participation of **H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf**, Chairperson of the AU Commission, in the summit process;
13. **Commends** and **encourages** the commitment of TCCs to deploy additional troops on a bilateral basis to address the prevailing security situation in Somalia;
14. **Re-states its deep and persistent concern** over the financial challenges facing AUSSOM operations and **calls** for the consideration of the urgent use of additional resources from the AU Peace

Fund guided by the rules and procedures, and to scale up the engagement with partners for financial support, including utilization of the UNSC Resolution 2719 (2023) and its hybrid component; the convening of a resource mobilization forum for AUSSOM and Somalia, as well as exploring innovative approaches in raising resources from both traditional and non-traditional partners and stakeholders;

15. ***Calls on*** international partners to continue their support for the FGS and AUSSOM to tackle the threats posed by Al Shabab;

16. ***Expresses concern*** over the dire humanitarian situation in Somalia and ***invites*** humanitarian actors to scale up funding for the 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan to enable delivery of life-saving assistance to the most affected population, with special attention to women and children;

17. ***Pays tribute*** to the AU's T/PCCs for their sustained commitment and ***reiterates*** its gratitude to bilateral and multilateral partners for their invaluable contributions to peace and stability in Somalia;

18. ***Calls on*** the T/PCCs and the FGS in coordination with the AU Commission to finalize the necessary steps for the full and expeditious deployment of AUSSOM; and ***underscores*** the need to finalize the AU and UN procedures to expedite the deployment of the Egyptian troops;

19. ***Requests*** the AU Commission to transmit this Communiqué, as well as the Communiqué of the Extra-Ordinary Summit of the Troop Contributing Countries to the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia and the Federal Government of Somalia, adopted on 25 April 2025 in Entebbe, Uganda, to the UN Secretary-General for onward transmission to the UN Security Council as a working document;

20. ***Decides*** to remain actively seized of the matter.