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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1284th meeting held on 19 June 2025 on Consultation with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR).

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling its previous decisions and pronouncements pertaining to the consultations and cooperation with the ACHPR, particularly Communiqués [PSC/PR/COMM. 1019 (2021)] adopted at its 1019th meeting held on 10 August 2021; [PSC/PR/COMM.(CMLIII)] adopted at its 953rd meeting held on 8 October 2020 and [PSC/PR/COMM.(DCCCLXVI)] adopted at its 866th meeting held on 8 October 2019;

Bearing in mind 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 19 on the need to establish a close cooperation with the ACHPR and for it to bring to the attention of the Council any information relevant to its objectives and mandate;

Recalling Article 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, which provides for cooperation between the ACHPR and other African and international institutions concerned with the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights;

Noting the opening remarks of H.E. Ambassador Innocent E. Shiyo, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC of the AU for June 2025, and the introductory statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security;

Also noting the presentation by Hon. Commissioner Rémy Ngoy Lumbu, Chairperson of the ACHPR; and

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

1. **Commends** the work done by the ACHPR in the promotion of human and people's rights particularly, in conflict situations; and the collaborative work done between the ACHPR and the AU Commission in the promotion and protection of human rights in the Continent; as well as the growing partnership and collaboration between the Council and the ACHPR in discharging their complementary mandates;
2. **Underscores the importance** of further strengthening the synergies and collaboration between the AU Commission and the ACHPR, as well as other sisterly Organs of the Union in the promotion and protection of human rights in the Continent;
3. **Condemns** all violations of human rights; and **stresses the need** for Member States to address human rights violations and abuses and **encourages** them to continue to take measures to promote accountability, fight impunity and to ensure protection of human rights, particularly in conflict situations;

4. **Underscores** the centrality of a right-based approach to peace and security, and the mainstreaming of human rights in all stages of the conflict cycle, namely, from early warning to conflict prevention, management, resolution and post-conflict reconstruction and development, including the right to development, as well as the indivisibility of economic and political rights, which are by nature, mutually reinforcing;
5. **Requests** the ACHPR to pay particular attention to the human rights of vulnerable groups that are subject to additional risks in conflict settings, such as women, children, the elderly, persons living with disabilities, migrants, internally displaced persons, and refugees;
6. **Urges** the ACHPR to fully assume its responsibilities in accordance with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, particularly by implementing the relevant decisions of the AU policy organs, in line with their mandate and taking into consideration the peace-security-human rights nexus;
7. **Underscores** the need for holistically addressing the underlying root causes of violent conflict, including deprivation of basic rights, inequality and discrimination based on socio-economic status, race, gender, among others; and in this respect, **encourages** Member States to adopt comprehensive approaches that directly address the immediate needs and the underlying causes of violent conflicts to protect and promote economic, social, and cultural rights during and after conflict, with a view to contributing to more sustainable peace and development;
8. **Underlines the critical importance** of ensuring respect by belligerents in conflict situations to respect International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL);
9. **Acknowledges the critical importance** of the support of the ACHPR to the efforts of the AU Member States in the promotion of transitional justice in post-conflict situations and, in this regard, **encourages** the ACHPR to continue to provide technical and advisory support to Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of the AU Continental Transitional Justice Policy;
10. **Takes note** of the financial challenges facing the ACHPR in implementing its mandate and in this regard, **requests** the ACHPR to work in collaboration with the AU Commission to identify alternative funding mechanisms in order to provide adequate financial resources to enable the ACHPR to more effectively discharge its mandate, in particular, for fact-finding missions and for effective human rights interventions in the continent;
11. **Reiterates** the commitment to continue strengthening the PSC collaboration with the ACHPR, including through regular information sharing, as well as institutionalization and regularization of the consultation as an annual event;
12. **Also reiterates** the appeal to all Member States to fully cooperate with the ACHPR, and **encourages** them to ensure the implementation of the decisions of the AU Policy Organs, in order to facilitate the work of the ACHPR; and
13. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.