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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
1297TH MEETING**

**15 AUGUST 2025
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1297th meeting held on 15 August 2025 on Consideration of the Terms of Reference of the Peace and Security Council Sub-Committee on Counter Terrorism (CT).

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling the Protocol Establishing the PSC of the AU, particularly article 8 (5) authorizing the PSC to establish subsidiary bodies and seek such military, legal and other forms of expertise as it may require;

Also Recalling the Malabo Decision [Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.(XVI)] adopted by the Assembly, following the 16th Extraordinary Summit of the AU Assembly on Terrorism and Unconstitutional Changes of Government held in May 2022, which called on the PSC to immediately operationalize its Sub-Committee on Counter Terrorism, in line with Communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.(CCXLVIX), and the recommendations of the AU Champion on the Fight Against Terrorism and Violent Extremism, the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, H.E. Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, and underlining the need expressed in paragraph 15 (ii) of the 1182nd meeting of the PSC, PSC/PR/COMM.1182 (2023), calling for the full operationalization and activation of the PSC Sub-Committee on Counter-Terrorism;

Further recalling Communiqué PSC/PR/COMM(CCLXIV), adopted at its 264th Meeting held on 8 March 2011, and Communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.(CCXLVIX), adopted at its 249th held on 22 November 2010;

Taking note of the opening remarks by H.E. Dr. Ambassador Mohamed KHALED, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC of the AU for August 2025; and the presentation on the development of the Terms of Reference of the Peace and Security Council Sub-Committee on Counter Terrorism by Mr. Mohamed Lamine Nait Youcef, Expert from the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC Committee of Expert in August 2025;

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

1. **Commends** the AU Champion on Counter-Terrorism and violent extremism, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, H.E. Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, for his steadfast leadership in advancing the AU agenda of combating terrorism and violent extremism, and **Requests** the African Union Commission to intensify its efforts towards the full and timely implementation of the recommendations contained in his reports;
2. **Express appreciation to** the PSC Committee of Experts for the efforts towards the reactivation of PSC Sub Committees, in particular the development of the Terms of Reference of the PSC Sub-Committee on Counter Terrorism, during the 78th meeting of the Committee of Experts of PSC, held on August 1st, 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
3. **Underscores** that the reactivation of the PSC Sub Committee on Counter Terrorism is a testimony of the unwavering commitment of Council to ensure effective implementation of all AU decisions on matters relating to counter terrorism and violent extremism;

4. **Adopts** the Terms of Reference of the PSC Sub Committee on Counter Terrorism and **calls** for its immediate operationalisation in line with the relevant Assembly and PSC decisions; in this respect, **urges** all Member States and relevant stakeholders to collaborate with the Sub-Committee in implementation of its mandate;
5. **Encourages** the PSC Sub-Committee on Counter Terrorism to work towards effectively supporting Member States emerging from conflict situations, as well as those affected by terrorism and violent extremism, in their efforts to strengthen national resilience, enhance regional cooperation, and implement relevant AU counter-terrorism instruments; and
6. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.