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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union at its 1302nd meeting held on 19 September 2025, on Update on the Situation in the Central African Republic.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling all previous pronouncements and decisions of Council on the Situation in the Central African Republic (CAR), in particular, Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.2.1241(2024)] adopted during its 1241st meeting held on 30 October 2024; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1221 (2024)] adopted during its 1221st meeting held on 11 July 2024 and Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1157 (2023)] adopted during its 1157th meeting held on 13 June 2023 ;

Reaffirming the AU unwavering commitment to respect the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity of the CAR; as well as the AU solidarity and commitment to continue accompanying the people of the CAR in their legitimate quest for restoring durable peace, security, stability development and democratic governance, in the promotion of national reconciliation, and in their search for consensual solutions to the challenges facing their country;

Mindful of the critical role of the AU as a guarantor of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic (PAPR-CAR) signed on 6 February 2019, in Khartoum, Sudan, by the Government of the CAR and fourteen (14) armed groups, and **also mindful** of the need to ensure the full implementation of the Agreement;

Taking note of the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Professor Dr. Miguel Cesar Domingos Bembe, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for September 2025; the briefing by the Representative of the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission in the CAR; and **also taking note** of the statements by the representative of the Central African Republic, by the representative of Equatorial Guinea as Chair of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), by the representative of the ECCAS Secretariat, by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Central African Republic and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA); as well as the statement by the representative of the European Union; and

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

1. **Welcomes**, the steady progress in the implementation of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic (PAPR-CAR) and **commend** the CAR leadership for the demonstrable commitment to ensure full implementation of Agreement in its letter and spirit;
2. **Takes note** of the progress in the preparation for the successful organization of harmonized elections on 28 December 2025; **requests** the Chairperson of the Commission, working in collaboration with the Embassy of the CAR in Addis Ababa, to draw up a list of all necessary financial, technical and material resources to facilitate the completion of the electoral process planned to take place on 28 December; and **calls on** AU Member States in a position to do so to providing the needed assistance;
3. **Encourages** the Government of the CAR to continue the constructive engagements and mutual confidence and trust building measures with all political groups in the country; and also to continue to pursue efforts aimed at extending State authority throughout the territory of the country, as well as to

spare no efforts in creating conditions conducive for the successful organization of the 28 December 2025 harmonized elections;

4. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to deploy a full-fledged AU electoral observation mission to the CAR, for the 28 December 2025 harmonized elections;
5. **Expresses the readiness** of the AU to facilitate, where necessary, the ongoing political dialogue and national reconciliation process in the CAR;
6. **Once again commends** the Government of the CAR for implementing the demobilization, disarmament and reintegration (DDR) process of former combatants of the armed groups, **urges** all armed groups and negative forces in the CAR to embrace the DDR programme; **expresses appreciation** to the ECCAS, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), MINUSCA, World Bank and other stakeholders for their support to the DDR programme and **appeals** for their continued support to ensure the success of the programme;
7. **Expresses deep concern over** the prevailing humanitarian situation in the country largely caused by the current situation of insecurity, which is exacerbated by the influx of refugees from the ongoing war in Sudan and in this regard; **appeals** to Member States in a position to do so, in the spirit of pan-African solidarity, as well as to the international donors, to urgently scale-up humanitarian and protection efforts to bridge the gap on humanitarian shortfalls;
8. **Expresses** continued support of the AU to the ongoing efforts in the promotion of the Rule of Law and Transitional Justice in CAR and **calls** for the strengthening of the operational capacity and enhanced outreach of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission;
9. **Reiterates** its outright condemnation of all forms of foreign interference that fuel conflicts in Africa, in flagrant violation of all the relevant communiqués of the PSC and resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;
10. Mindful of the economic challenges facing the country, **also expresses** AU support for efforts aimed at the promotion of socio-economic recovery in CAR; **appeals** for International Monetary Fund (IMF)/World Bank debt-relief in support to CAR's National Development Plan; **underscores the need** for engaging the African Caucus to secure innovative financing commitments for CAR's recovery; and **encourages** private-sector investment alongside donor commitments in the agriculture, mining and energy sectors of the National Development Plan;
11. **Underlines the need** for enhanced regional and multilateral coordination of efforts of all stakeholders supporting the CAR Government to align their security, electoral and development support to effectively ensure complementarity of their support;
12. **Welcomes** the efforts made by the African members of the United Nations Security Council (A3) to promote and defend the interests of the AU and its Member States in the UNSC, and **urges them** to continue to support the CAR in its quest restore stability in the country;
13. **Reiterates the call** for the total lifting of the arms embargo imposed on the CAR, in order to contribute towards enhancing the national defence and security capacities of the CAR to more effectively address the current security situation; and **reiterates** the encouragement for the A3 to ensure that there is a unanimous position on this matter within the UN Security Council;

14. **Pays tribute** to MINUSCA and **looks forward** to renewing its mandate in October 2025 with adequate, sustainable and predictable resources to enable it to more effectively execute its mandate, including ensuring the security of the upcoming elections;
15. **Commends** H.E. Ambassador General (Rtd) Antonio Egidio de Sousa Santos “Disciplina” for his service as the outgoing Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission for the CAR; and **requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to mobilize the necessary resources to enable the Liaison Office to more effectively discharge its mandate; and
16. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.