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**PRESS STATEMENT**



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**The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) dedicated its 1310<sup>th</sup> meeting (Open Session) held on 11 November 2025, to the theme: “Migration, Youth, Peace and Security in Africa”.**

Council recalled its previous meetings on Migration, Peace and Security in Africa, and the Plight of African Migration notably, the Press Statement [PSC/PR/BR.(DLXXVI)] adopted at its 576<sup>th</sup> Meetings of 16 February 2016; Press Statement [PSC/PR/COMM.(DCCXL)] adopted at its 740<sup>th</sup> Meeting of 18 December 2017; Communiqué [PSC/MIN/COMM.2 (DCCLXXXII)] adopted at its 782<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of 27 June 2018; Communiqué [PSC/MIN/COMM.(DCCCLVII)] adopted at its 857<sup>th</sup> Meeting of July 2019; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1244 (2024)] adopted at its 1244<sup>th</sup> Meeting of 12 November 2024 and Communiqué [PSC/HoSG/COMM.1291 (2025)] adopted at its 1291<sup>st</sup> Meeting of July 2025.

Council also recalled its previous decisions on Youth, Peace and Security in Africa, particularly Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1243 (2024)] adopted at its 1243<sup>rd</sup> meeting, held on 1 November 2024, on Youth, Peace and Security in Africa.

Council also recalled and reiterated its previous decisions on the appointment of an AU Special Envoy on Migration;

Council further recalled the decision of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of 2 July 2006 adopting the African Youth Charter and the Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.868 (XXXVII)] adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held from 17 to 18 February 2024, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, calling on Member States to continue the implementation of the Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security, including through the development of National Action Plans;

Council took note of the opening statement by H.E. Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the African Union and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for November 2025; the Introductory Statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security that was read on his behalf by Ms. Neema Chusi, Head of the PSC Secretariat; the statement by H.E. Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Burundi, Representative of the AU Champion for Youth, Peace and Security in Africa; and the statement by the Representative of King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, as the AU Champion for Migration.

Council also took note of the statements by the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAP), namely: Julien Vikenba (Central Africa); Nashiba Nakabira (East Africa), Arif Abdeljahil Moussa (North Africa); Mpule Kgetsi (Southern Africa); and Simone Mbode Diouf (West Africa) as well as the presentation by Mr. Walter Kasempa, the AU-IOM Youth Ambassador on Migration for Southern Africa, representing the other AU-IOM Youth Ambassadors, namely: Damilola Adeniran (West Africa); Rose Kobusinge (East Africa); Sarah Badr (North Africa) and Bobuin Junior Valery (Central Africa).

The Council further took note of the presentations of Ms. Alice Kimani, Ag. Director of the IOM Special Liaison Office to the AU and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); as well as the statements by the Representatives of AU Member States, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) and by the representative of the United Nations;

Council reaffirmed its determination to facilitate the establishment of conducive conditions for the realization of Agenda 2063, particularly Aspirations 4 and 6, envisioning a peaceful and secure Africa and an Africa whose development is people-driven.

Council expressed deep concern over the persistence of conflicts and crises on the Continent, which are disproportionately affecting the youth, women, children, the elderly and people living with disabilities; and expressed particular concern over the persistence of youth unemployment, marginalization, poverty and despair, as well as socio-economic and political exclusion, which collectively expose the youth to radicalization and recruitment by non-state armed groups and negative forces in the Continent. In this regard, Council underlined the importance of comprehensively addressing the underlying root causes, including the pull and push factors of irregular youth migration such as socio-economic and political exclusion, among others by establishing comprehensive and multi-sectoral approaches aimed at creating job opportunities for the youth and for fighting against human trafficking.

Council noted the progress by Member States in developing National Action Plans on Youth Peace and Security and commended the AU Commission for promoting the AU Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, particularly through the continued provision of technical support to Member States and for the finalization of the AU Guidelines for the Development and Implementation of National Action Plans on YPS, and requested the AU Commission to urgently submit the Draft Guidelines for consideration by Council.

Council commended H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and AU Champion on Youth, Peace and Security, for his leadership and personal dedication and commitment towards advancing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in the Continent through convening Continental YPS platforms, including the recent organization of a Public Lecture on 16 August 2025, at the Amilcar Cabral University in Guinea Bissau; and looked forward to the successful organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> Continental Dialogue on the Nexus between Youth, Peace, Security and Development scheduled to be held in December 2025.

Council also commended the efforts being deployed by King Mohammed VI, of the Kingdom of Morocco, as the AU Champion on Migration.

Council also commended the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAPs) and the AU- IOM Youth Ambassadors on Migration for their personal dedication, commitment and relentless efforts in contributing towards the advancement of the AU Youth Peace and Security Agenda; assured them of the continued support of Council; and underscored the importance of the establishment of working synergies between the AYAPS and the AU-IOM Youth Ambassadors with the Youth Envoys of the RECs/RMs to ensure enhanced coordination and complementarity of efforts in advancing the Migration agenda, as well as the, Youth, Peace and Security Agenda through an AU Interdepartmental Task Force and an alumni network.

Council welcomed the IOM Dialogue of February and October 2019 on Youth and Migration: *Engaging Youth as Key Partners in Migration Governance, Unlocking the Potentials of Youth to Respond to the New Challenges and Opportunities of Migration and*, congratulated the International Office for Migration (IOM) for continued efforts to address the scourge of irregular migration in the Continent and, in the same context, stressed the importance of ensuring respect and protection of the human rights of migrants in their transit and destination countries, as well as the need for Member States to establish youth-centered repatriation and reintegration programs for those who have abandoned dangerous migration routes, including post-trauma care and community reintegration support.

Council further congratulated the Commission for mainstreaming and strengthening the role of youth in AU-led preventive diplomacy, through young mediators, the African Youth for Transitional Justice (AY4TJ) Network, the African Youth for Migration Programme (AYMP); young Africans in regional consultations on issues of Democracy, Governance and Human Rights, as well as investing in the development of Pan-African Youth Leadership trainings, and commended the Commission for institutionalising the inclusion of the Youth representation in AU Election Observation Missions, to nurture the next generation of young African leaders.

Council emphasized the need for meaningful youth engagement, with particular emphasis on education and social media engagement in combating misinformation, disinformation, and hate speech as well as in addressing the implications of emerging technologies on the media.

Council underlined the need to support the Conclusions of the Continental Youth Consultation Migration in Kigali in August 2023 and to Integrate the African Labour Migration Advisory Committee in the APSA-AGA Platform for Migration Governance; and in this connection, to include youth indicators in the AU Continental Early Warning System, as well as to consider migration matters in the AU Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.

Council also encouraged Member States to promote Education for Peace in their national curricula, in order to develop a generation of African youth who are fully aware of their civic rights and responsibilities.

Council also underlined the importance of investing in Youth Peace and Migration through a Youth Mobility Fund to enable the African youth to live their dreams in Africa. In the same context, Council underscored the need for scaling up efforts in the mobilization of predictable and adequate financing for the expedited development and implementation of National Action Plans for Youth Peace and Security that will address the scourge of Youth Migration in the Continent.

Council equally underlined the urgent need to address the funding and effective operationalization of the AU Migration governance structures in Bamako, Khartoum and Rabat.

Council further underlined the urgent need for the reactivation of the AU-UN-EU Tripartite Task Force on Migration in Libya as directed by the PSC at Summit Level and report to Council.

Council requested the Chairperson of the AU Commission to urgently commission a comprehensive study on migration, youth, peace and security in Africa and underlined the need to coordinate efforts aimed at addressing the scourge of irregular migration, including within the AU's Youth, Peace and Security agenda.

Council agreed to remain actively seized of the matter.