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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 1312nd meeting on the Launch of the African Union Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Awareness Raising Week, held on Monday, 17 November 2025.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling its meeting on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, on 18 November 2024, as part of the broader Fourth AU PCRD Awareness Week, which provided a platform for Member States to engage in discussions on key peacebuilding priorities, including Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR), Security Sector Reform (SSR), and transitional justice;

Making reference to its previous decisions on PCRD in Africa, particularly Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1198 (2024)] adopted at its 1198th meeting held on 31 January 2024 on Consideration of the AU Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Policy; and Commemoration of Africa Day of Peace and Reconciliation; also **taking note** of the adoption of the Terms of Reference for the operationalization of the PSC Sub Committee on PCRD;

Further recalling Declaration [Ext/Assembly/AU/Decl.XVI] adopted by the 16th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held on 28 May 2022, instituting 31 January of each year as “Africa Day of Peace and Reconciliation” and Decision [Assembly/AU/DEC.501 (XXII)] adopted by the 22nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, declaring 2014 to 2024 as the Nelson Mandela Decade for Reconciliation in Africa;

Reiterating its commitment to promote the effective implementation of post-conflict reconstruction and development, as well as peacebuilding activities to consolidate peace and prevent the resurgence of conflict, in line with Article 3 (c) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;

Taking note of the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for November 2025, and the introductory remarks by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; as well as statements by H.E. Ambassador Obaida El Dandarawy, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the AU, as an AU Champion on Post-Conflict, Reconstruction and Development; and

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

1. **Welcomes** the Annual report of the Chairperson of the AU Commission on Post-Conflict Reconstruction Development and peacebuilding and the commemoration of the 5th edition of the AU PCRD Week, a platform that has become central to consolidating peace and preventing relapse across the continent;
2. **Commends** H.E. Abdelfattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and AU Champion on PCRD, for his continued efforts in promoting sustainable peace and development on the continent;
3. **Commends** the AU Commission for the implementation of various PCRD activities, in particular the institutionalization of the Youth Leadership in Reconstruction and Peacebuilding which brings the youth to participate in PCRD activities; and the validation of the Guidelines on Mental Health

Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) for affected persons in pre-conflict, during conflict and post-conflict settings; **encourages** Member States to include PCRD in their respective education curricula;

4. **Reaffirms** the AU's commitment to promoting concrete initiatives to improve the lives and livelihoods of Africans and empower citizens to actively contribute to rebuilding their societies; and **highlights** the AU's commitment to promoting inclusive, people-centered, and justice-based recovery processes that restore trust, and pave the way for lasting peace and development;

5. **Welcomes** the positive engagements and efforts by the PCRD Center on country-level instrument for rebuilding institutions, communities, and national resilience, including through Quick Impact Projects in Somalia, South Sudan, Madagascar and Liberia. in this regard, **encourages** Member States to make full use of the support and expertise provided by the Centre;

6. **Requests** the AU Commission to implement the existing PCRD activities/stabilization strategies, taking lessons and best practices from the national and regional strategies;

7. **Emphasizes the need** for building on lessons learnt from the first operationalization phase of the Centre to create opportunities for establishing partnerships, both at continental and global spaces with the aim of enhancing institutional capacities;

8. **Directs** the AU Commission to further engage and establish partnerships with African financial institutions and other partners with a view to develop innovative and smart mechanisms for incentive schemes to invest in countries emerging from conflicts to establish strong development infrastructures, as well for the successful implementation of the AU PCRD Policy;

9. **Underlines** the importance of Continued engagement of the High-Level Working Group (HWG) on PCRD and Peacebuilding for the effective roll out of PCRD and Peacebuilding initiatives on the continent, in particular the triple nexus project on 'Peace-Security and Development';

10. **Stresses** the urgent need to equip the Centre with necessary resources and tools to ensure smooth and effective implementation of its mandate; and **requests** the AU Commission to budget for it in the coming financial year;

11. **Welcomes** the designation by the Egyptian Government, of a new headquarters for the AUC-PCRD Centre in Egypt's New Capital, pending the handover process from its current interim premises in order to accommodate the Centre's staff and to ensure its efficient and effective operationalization to match the growing demands of its mandate; and **encourages** the Center to effectively coordinate with the Government of Egypt to accelerate the hand over process;

12. **Welcomes** the role of African national agencies in charge of international cooperation in promoting peace building and development efforts in the continent;

13. **Requests** the AU Commission to extend the period for the commemoration of the PCRD Awareness Raising from one week to one month, effective from 2026; and

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