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PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
1321<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1321st meeting held on 22 December 2025 on the Adoption of the Conclusions of the 17th Annual Retreat of the PSC on the Review of its Working Methods, held in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria from 6 to 7 November 2025.

### The Peace and Security Council,

**Recalling** Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.(LXXXV)] adopted at its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 8 August 2007, in which Council decided to review its working methods, on a regular basis, and to adjust them as the need arises

**Also recalling** Communiqués [PSC/PR/COMM.1246 (2024)] adopted at its 1246<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25 November 2024 on the Adoption of the Conclusions of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat of the PSC on the Review of its Working Methods; [PSC/PR/COMM.1190 (2023)] adopted at its 1190<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18 December 2023, on the adoption of the Conclusions of its 15<sup>th</sup> Retreat on the review of its Working Methods; and;

**Mindful** of the evolving nature of the Continental peace and security landscape, which is compounded by global peace and security trends and, **conscious of the compelling need** for continuous strengthening of the capacity of Council to enable it remains fit for purpose in effectively discharging its mandate of promoting peace, security and stability in Africa; and

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

1. **Commends** the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for graciously hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union on the Review of its Working Methods, from 6 to 7 November 2025, in Abuja;
2. **Expresses deep appreciation** to the Republic of Cameroon, as Chair of the PSC for the month of November 2025, for illustriously chairing the Retreat;
3. **Adopts** the Conclusions of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat on the Review of its Working Methods and **decides** to submit them for endorsement to the upcoming 39<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government to be held in February 2026;
4. **Commits** to fully adhere to the Conclusions of the Retreat; and **requests** the AU Commission, as the institutional memory of Council, to ensure full implementation of the Conclusions of the Retreat;
5. **Looks forward** to the next Retreat of Council on the Review of its Working Methods on dates and venue to be agreed by Council in due course; and
6. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.