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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 1335th meeting held on 10 March 2026, on Update on the Situation in Madagascar:

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling all its previous decisions and pronouncements on the Situation in Madagascar, particularly, Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1306 (2025)] adopted at its 1306th meeting (Emergency Session) held on 15 October 2025, and Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1305 (2025)] adopted at its 1305th meeting (Emergency Session) held on 13 October 2025;

Reaffirming the AU respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity of the Republic of Madagascar;

Also reaffirming the AU solidarity with the people of Madagascar in their aspirations and efforts to restore constitutional order, promote good governance, democracy, development and prosperity in their country;

Taking note of the Opening Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Mahlaba Almon Mamba, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the African Union and Chairperson of the AU PSC for March 2026; the Introductory Statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, and the Briefing by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Idris Farah, AU Special Envoy for Madagascar, as well as of the Statement by the representative of the Republic of Malawi, Chair of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation; and

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

1. **Takes note** of the evolution of the socio-political situation in Madagascar and the efforts undertaken by the Malagasy national authorities to stabilise the political and socioeconomic landscape of the country with a view to an orderly and structured return to constitutional order;
2. **Welcomes** the Programme for the Re-foundation of the Republic of Madagascar announced on 28 February 2026 with its four-phase activities, namely, i) Sovereign National Consultation, ii) Re-foundation of Governance to Ensure the Credibility of the Next Elections, iii) Drafting of the draft Constitution(s) of the Fifth Republic; and iv) Organisation of elections;
3. **Commends** the launching of the National Consultation, which will be led by the Ecumenical Council of Christian Churches of Madagascar (FFKM) with a view to developing a new Constitution and the establishment of a Steering Committee for the National Consultation for the Re-foundation, tasked with developing the strategic plan intended to ensure the coordination and smooth running of the national consultation process;
4. **Urges** the Malagasy authorities to fully respect the stipulated transition timelines of twenty-four (24) months and to seek the broadest possible consensus in the organisation of the national dialogue which must be as inclusive as possible and involve all stakeholders;
5. **Expresses deep concern over** the dismissal of the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, on 9 March 2026, and its potential to negatively impact on the transition process and, in this regard, **encourages** the Malagasy authorities to scrupulously ensure an all-inclusive, plural, multiparty, progressive and transparent transition process that includes respect for human rights and adherence to the rule of

law, mutual trust and confidence building measures, as well as to mainstream the meaningful participation of women and youth, and all Malagasy stakeholders, including in the organisation of the national dialogue towards a consensual solution to the challenges facing the country;

6. **Calls** for the unconditional release of all political detainees and **urges** the Malagasy authorities to fully cooperate with the AU and SADC;

7. **Commends** the Chairperson of the AU Commission for all efforts being deployed in supporting the political transition in Madagascar, including dispatching an AU High-Level delegation, in November 2025, led by the Chairperson of the AU Panel of the Wise, H.E. Domitien Ndayizeye, former President of the Republic of Burundi, and another delegation led by H.E. Mohamed Idris Farah, the AU Special Envoy for Madagascar, in February 2026, as well as the appointment of the Special Representative for Madagascar, with a view to more effectively accompanying the Malagasy people in addressing the challenges currently facing their country, and in this context; **encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission to intensify these efforts, including, by dispatching a multidisciplinary technical team of experts to support the Steering Committee of the National Dialogue and the preparations for the electoral process;

8. **Acknowledges** the efforts being deployed by SADC in accompanying the Republic of Madagascar towards successful restoration of constitutional order and in this regard, **reiterates** the **need** for enhanced cooperation, coordination, harmonization and complementarity of efforts among the AU, SADC and the Indian Ocean Commission, as well as other international partners, including the need to ensure common messaging and common approaches in Madagascar;

9. **Requests** the AU Commission to scale up resource mobilization efforts in favour of the political transition in Madagascar, including the use of the African Facility to support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT);

10. **Takes note** of the dire humanitarian situation caused by the cyclones, **expresses** the AU solidarity with the affected sections of the population of Madagascar and **reaffirms** the AU readiness to support Madagascar in disaster risk reduction and management efforts;

11. **Requests** the AU Commission, particularly, the AU Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development and Social to mobilise necessary resources to assist the Government of Madagascar and the affected population, including through strengthening national capacities for disaster risk reduction and disaster management and mitigation; providing humanitarian assistance and dispatching a team of humanitarian specialists; **and appeals** to all Member States, in a position to do so, as well as to the international partners and international humanitarian agencies to also contribute towards the mobilization of humanitarian assistance in favour of Madagascar;

12. **Further reiterates** the request for the AU Commission to further strengthen the institutional capacities of the AU Liaison Office (AULO) in Madagascar, including through the deployment of adequate human resources to enable the Office to more effectively discharge its mandate;

13. **Emphasizes the need** for Council to continue to closely monitor the implementation of its decisions and the Programme for the Re-foundation of the Republic of Madagascar;

14. **Decides** to undertake a field mission to Madagascar to engage with all stakeholders in supporting the swift return of constitutional order in the country;

15. **Looks forward** to the convening of the next Accra Forum on Unconstitutional Changes of Government;

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