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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1358th meeting held on 5 August 2026 on: Briefing by the African Members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), (A3) on its Activities;

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling Articles 3(a) and (d) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union (AU), which emphasize the importance of greater unity and solidarity among African countries and also the importance of defending African common positions, as well as Article 7(3) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (PSC), which underscores Member State ' commitment to implement PSC decisions;

Also recalling all AU Assembly decisions on the A3, in particular, Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.978(XXXIX)] adopted by the 39th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in February 2026 in Addis Ababa, through which the Assembly endorsed the Conclusions of the Twelfth High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa: Assisting Incoming African Members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) (A3) in Preparing to Address Peace and Security Issues on the Continent (The Oran Process), held from 1 to 2 December 2025 in Algiers, Algeria, and the Manual on Modalities for Enhancing Coordination Between the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the African Members of the United Nations Security Council; as well as Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.916 (XXXVIII)] adopted by the AU Assembly at its 38th Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, from 14 to 15 February 2025, in which the Assembly underscored the need for Africa to speak with one voice, ensure respect for AU decisions, and commended the efforts of the A3+ in advancing and defending Africa's interests within the UNSC;

Further recalling all previous decisions and pronouncements of Council on the Activities of the A3, in particular, Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1322 (2025)] adopted at its 1322nd meeting held on 27 December 2025 on Consideration of the Conclusions of the 12th High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa (Oran Process); Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1299 (2025)] adopted at its 1299th meeting held in Addis Ababa, on 29 August 2025; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1289 (2025)] adopted at its 1289th meeting held on 24 July 2025, on Consideration of the Draft Manual on the Modalities for Enhancing Coordination between the PSC and the African Members of the United Nations Security Council (A3) in which Council called for strengthened consultation, coordination, and implementation of modalities between the PSC and the A3+; Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1259 (2025)] adopted at its 1259th meeting held in Addis Ababa, on 5 February 2025; and Communiqué [PSC/AHG/COMM/1(CCCXCVII)] adopted at its 397th meeting held in New York, at the level of Heads of State and Government on 23 September 2013 on the Strategic Partnership Between the AU and the UN in the area of Peace and Security;

Acknowledging the critical importance of enhanced cooperation, cohesion, and coordinated action among the A3 within the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as success factors in promoting the AU peace and security agenda for the Continent;

Taking note of the Opening Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Khaled, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for August 2026; and the Introductory Statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security;

Also taking note of the Briefing by H.E. Ambassador Lewis Garseedah Brown II, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations as Coordinator of the A3; and the

statement by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Observer of the AU to the UN in New York; as well as the statement by H.E. Mr. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU); and

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

A. On A3 Quarterly briefing

1. **Takes note with appreciation** of the briefing on the activities of the African Members of the United Nations Security Council (A3), as well as the update on developments relating to peace and security issues on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC);
2. **Commends** the continued efforts of the A3 in promoting, defending and advancing Common African Positions within the UNSC, and reaffirms the role of the A3 as the principal vehicle for articulating and projecting the collective voice of Africa on international peace and security issues;
3. **Congratulates** the Republic of Zimbabwe on its election as an African Member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2027–2028 term, and **emphasizes the need** for an early transition process, with the support of AU Permanent Observer Mission (A3 Secretariat), to facilitate an early familiarization, knowledge transfer, preserve institutional memory and ensure continuity within the A3 mechanism;
4. **Welcomes** ongoing efforts by the AU Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations (AUPOM), in its capacity as Secretariat of the A3, to continue supporting the A3 through technical coordination, institutional memory, knowledge management and transition arrangements in order to ensure continuity and effectiveness of Africa representation within the UNSC;
5. **Welcomes** the inclusion of the report on the work of A3 in the Report on the Activities of the PSC and the State of Peace and Security in Africa, including a dedicated chapter to the A3;

B. On consolidating PSC - A3+ coordination

6. **Reiterates the imperative** of maintaining unity, coordination, coherence and collective discipline within the A3 in advancing the priorities of Africa in the United Nations Security Council;
7. **Stresses the importance** of a timely, proactive and dynamic engagement between the PSC and the A3; and, in this regard, **requests** that deliberations of the PSC on African peace and security issues, should, whenever possible, precede discussions on the same issues within the UNSC, in order to provide timely strategic guidance to the A3;
8. **Reiterates** the obligation of the A3 to respect, protect and promote the decisions and positions of the PSC on common African interests as well as common African positions on peace and security issues concerning the Continent;
9. **Emphasizes** the role of the A3 as the spokesperson for African interests within the UNSC, in accordance with the conclusions of the Annual High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa (Oran Process), and **underscores the importance** of implementing the conclusions of previous sessions of the Oran Process;
10. **Encourages** early coordination between the PSC and the A3 in preparation for the 20th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting between the PSC and the UNSC, scheduled for October 2026;

11. **Reaffirms the importance** of continued advocacy for the effective implementation and forthcoming review of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023), including in support of predictable, adequate and sustainable financing for African Union-led Peace Support Operations and **encourages** the A3 to maintain close coordination with the AU Commission in preparation for the forthcoming review of the resolution;
12. **Takes note** of the need to invite the A3, whenever necessary, to participate in PSC meetings on crisis and conflict situations in Africa, as well as pertinent thematic issues relating to peace and security in Africa that are on the agenda of the UNSC;
13. **Calls** for strengthened engagement and enhanced coordination between the A3 and the wider African Group in New York in order to consolidate Common African Positions and strengthen Africa's collective influence within the multilateral system;
14. **Reaffirms** that any coordination between the PSC and the A3 should focus on the common interests of Africa, and should be carried out in full compliance with the decisions of the supreme organ of the African Union;
15. **Encourages** greater visibility of the A3 in relevant AU and UN processes as an important mechanism for promoting Common African Positions within the Security Council and **encourages** the Africa Group members in New York and Geneva to explicitly reference the A3+ in relevant United Nations resolutions and outcome documents in order to further strengthen the A3+'s visibility, legitimacy and institutional recognition;

C. On the actions to be taken

16. **Requests** the A3 to continue briefing the PSC on a quarterly basis, and whenever necessary, on African issues under consideration by the UNSC, in order to facilitate regular information-sharing and strategic guidance;
17. **Also requests** that all PSC decisions, communiqués and positions on common African interests that will be considered by the UNSC should be transmitted to the A3 in a timely manner to inform A3 engagement, negotiations and advocacy in New York;
18. **Requests** the AU Commission to take all necessary measures to implement the decisions contained in the present communiqué and to keep the Council regularly informed on progress made by using the PSC's Matrix of Implementation template;
19. **Reiterates its request** to the AU Commission to expedite the finalization of the Matrix of the Common African Position on peace and security matters and the A3 Annual action plan for advancing the Common African Position on peace and security matters in UN Security Council resolutions, as requested by paragraphs 15 and 16 of Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1340 (2026)] of 20 April 2026;
20. **Looks forward** to the successful organization of the 20th Annual Joint Consultative meeting between the PSC and UNSC, as well as the Joint meeting of the PSC and the UNPBC; and, in this respect, **requests** the PSC Committee of Experts to begin its engagement with the members of the Ad Hoc group for a smooth organization of the said joint meetings;
21. **Welcomes** the regularity and frequency of the High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa (the Oran Process), which is the main forum for reflecting on, and reviewing, cooperation and collaboration between the Council and the A3; and **looks forward** to the successful organization of the 13th High-Level Seminar of the Oran Process in Algiers, Algeria, on 1 and 2 December 2026; and

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