

AFRICAN UNION

الاتحاد الأفريقي



UNION AFRICAINE

UNIÃO AFRICANA

Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA P. O. Box 3243 Telephone 517 700 Cables: OAU, ADDIS ABABA
Website: www.africa-union.org

**139TH MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
29 JUNE 2008
SHARM EL-SHEIKH, EGYPT**

PSC/HSG/Comm (CXXXIX)

COMMUNIQUE

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 139TH MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 139th meeting held on 29 June 2008, at the level of Heads of State and Government, adopted the following decision on the on the status and prospects of the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia:

COUNCIL,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the status and prospects of the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia [PSC/HSG/2 (CXXXIX)];
2. **RECALLS** all its previous decisions on the situation in Somalia;
3. **REITERATES** its attachment to the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Somalia;
4. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the promotion of an all-inclusive political process in Somalia, in particular the conclusion, on 9 June 2008, in Djibouti, of an Agreement between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and the Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia (ARS), under the auspices of the United Nations, with the support of the AU, other regional organizations and international partners;
5. **STRONGLY URGES** all Somali stakeholders to join this process and commit themselves to the peaceful and **NEGOTIATED** settlement of the conflict in Somalia. Council **CONDEMNNS** all attempts aimed at undermining the ongoing peace and reconciliation process in Somalia;
6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** for the work **ACCOMPLISHED** thus far by the Ugandan and Burundian contingents of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), in spite of the very limited personnel deployed so far, the numerous logistical constraints facing the Mission and the challenging conditions in which the Mission is working. Council **FURTHER EXPRESSES** appreciation to the Governments of Uganda and Burundi for their continued commitment to the promotion of lasting peace and reconciliation in Somalia;
7. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS**, once again, attacks, threats and acts of violence perpetrated against AMISOM, hinder the operations of the Mission and seeking to undermine the political process and regional peace and stability;
8. **DECIDES** to extend the mandate of AMISOM for an additional period of six months, with effect from 17 July 2008, and **FURTHER DECIDES** that the Mission shall take the necessary steps to support of the implementation of the Agreement of 9 June 2008;

9. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to Member States to provide the required troops and other personnel to enable AMISOM to reach its authorized strength, **COUNCIL FURTHER REITERATES** its appeal to AU Member States and partners to provide financial and logistical support to facilitate the completion of the deployment of the Mission and the sustenance of its operations;

10. **EXPRESSES HOPE** that, with the Agreement of 9 June, the international community will provide increased support to the efforts aimed at bringing to a definite end the violence that has plagued Somalia for about two decades, including the early deployment, in accordance with resolution 1814(2008) and paragraph 7(a) of the 9 June Agreement, of a United Nations peacekeeping operation that would take over AMISOM and support the long-term stabilization and reconstruction of the country;

11. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close cooperation with the United Nations and , other stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement of 9 June 2008, including the strengthening of AMISOM, as well as provide the necessary support to the TFG in its efforts towards the stabilization of the situation in the country.

12. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the humanitarian agencies and workers for the assistance extended to the civilians in Somalia under very challenging conditions, and **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to the countries providing support for humanitarian activities in Somalia, including measures taken to combat piracy off the Somali coast and escort ships carrying World Food Programme (WFP) humanitarian supplies to Somalia;