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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 208TH MEETING OF THE PEACE AND
SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 208th meeting held in Addis Ababa, on 9 November 2009, received a briefing by the Commissioner for Peace and Security, and the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission for Madagascar, Mr. Ablassé Ouedraogo, on recent developments in the efforts aimed at restoring constitutional order in Madagascar.

Council,

1. **Recalls** its previous decisions on the situation in the Republic of Madagascar;
2. **Takes note** of the briefings focused on the results of the third meeting of the International Contact Group (ICG) on Madagascar held on 6 October 2009, in Antananarivo and the third meeting of the *Chefs de File* of the political Movements of Madagascar held from 3 to 7 November 2009, in Addis Ababa, and **expresses** its appreciation to the Chairperson of the Commission for his initiative;
3. **Welcomes** the signing, on 6 November 2009, at the Headquarters of the African Union, of the Additional Act of Addis Ababa to the Charter of the Transition, which is part of Charter of the Transition signed in Maputo on 9 August 2009, by the *Chefs de File* of the political Movements of Madagascar;
4. **Calls on** the political actors of Madagascar to scrupulously and in good faith implement the Charter of the Transition, its Additional Act of Addis Ababa and all the above mentioned agreements concluded in Maputo. In this regard, Council **urges** Madagascar's political movements to intensify their consultations to finalise, without delay, the consensual distribution of positions of responsibility within the Government of National Unity of Transition, with a view to enable it to start functioning;
5. **Commends** the Joint Mediation Team formed by the Special Envoys of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the former President of the Republic of Mozambique, Mr. Joaquim Chissano, of the African Union, Mr. Ablassé Ouedraogo, of the *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie*, Mr. Edem Kodjo, and of the United Nations, Mr. Tiébilé Drame, for all their efforts in seeking a peaceful, consensual and inclusive solution to the crisis in Madagascar;
6. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to rapidly establish, with the SADC, the *OIF* and the United Nations, a Follow-up Mechanism for the implementation of the Charter of the Transition, the Additional Act of Addis Ababa and the Maputo Agreements, as provided for in Article 12 of the Additional Act;
7. **Further requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take the necessary steps to dispatch, and in collaboration with other development partners of Madagascar, including the UNDP, the *OIF* and the European Union, an assessment mission to evaluate Madagascar's electoral needs, as provided for in paragraph 13 of the Communiqué of the International Contact Group (ICG) on Madagascar of 6 October 2009;

8. **Also requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake a regular assessment of the implementation of the Charter of the Transition, its Additional Act of Addis Ababa, and other Maputo agreements and to submit a report on the progress of the transition in Madagascar, whose objective is the organization, within twelve months, of credible, transparent and inclusive legislative and presidential elections for the return to constitutional order;

9. **Expresses** its gratitude to the international organisations represented within the International Contact Group on Madagascar for their efforts in monitoring the situation in Madagascar, and **urges** them to continue their joint efforts under the aegis of African Union to finalise the process leading to the restoration of constitutional order in Madagascar;

10. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.