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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 715th meeting held on 30 August 2017, had an exchange of views on post-election developments in Kenya.

Council recalled the Communique of its 713th meeting held on 24 August 2017 on elections in Africa, particularly paragraph 11 urging political parties to desist from resorting to the use of violence as a way of expressing their disaffection over the outcomes of elections but rather, to make full use of all available legal channels in resolving any election-related disputes.

Council commended Kenya, through its national electoral management board for having peacefully conducted the national electoral process held on 8 August 2017. In this context, Council also hailed the calm that has prevailed in the country since the announcement of the results of the election.

Council recalled Articles 3 and 7 (m) of the PSC Protocol providing for the PSC to anticipate and prevent conflicts, as part of its efforts to promote democracy and good governance in Africa.

Council recognized the fact that the aggrieved political parties in Kenya have resorted to the established legal channels and mechanisms as provided for in the Constitution of Kenya to address contentious issues on the outcome of the election of 8 August 2017. In this context, Council commended the Supreme Court of Kenya for having seized the matter;

Council called on all the Kenyan people to unequivocally uphold decisions of the Supreme Court of Kenya on any post-election dispute arising from the elections conducted on 8 August 2017. In this respect, Council demanded that all political actors and stakeholders desist from making irresponsible statements or engaging in actions aimed at inciting violence and destroying the prevailing peace in Kenya.

Council agreed to remain seized of the matter.