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**COMMUNIQUE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE  
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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 81<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 20 July 2007, adopted the following Communiqué on the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement of 7 September 2006 between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Palipehutu-FNL of Agathon Rwaswa:

**Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the Information Note on the status of implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement of 7 September 2006 between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Palipehutu-FNL of Agathon Rwaswa [PSC/PR/2 (LXXXI)] and the briefing of the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission in Burundi on the general situation in this country;
2. **Welcomes** the measures taken by the Commission and the Facilitation with a view to supporting the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement, including the deployment of the AU Special Task Force and AU military observers. In this regard, Council **expresses gratitude** to the United Nations, the AU Member States, and in particular, South Africa, for their contribution to the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement;
3. **Notes with satisfaction** the outcome of the Dar-es-Salaam Meeting of 17 June 2007 between President Pierre Nkurunziza and the leader of the Palipehutu-FNL, Agathon Rwaswa and **commends** the continuation of a permanent channel of communication between the two leaders. Council **expresses gratitude** to the Regional Initiative, in particular to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania for his assistance;
4. **Expresses its concern** over the delays in the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement and the recurring difficulties encountered in this regard. Council **calls upon** the parties to honor their obligations and commitments with a view to accelerating the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement which should be concluded at the latest by December 2007;
5. **Notes with concern** the danger of institutional stalemate in Burundi and **encourages** the Government of Burundi, the political opposition and all other parties to work together for unity and reconciliation. Council **further encourages** the Burundian authorities and the political opposition to work together to put an end to the political crisis through a frank dialogue;
6. **Emphasizes** the role of socio-economic development in enhancing the peace process in Burundi and **calls upon** the international community to provide the necessary assistance to the people of Burundi. In this respect, Council **also calls on** the donor community to honor their pledges with a view to facilitating post-conflict reconstruction in Burundi;
7. **Pays tribute** to the Chairperson of the Commission and his Special Representative in Burundi for their unrelenting efforts towards the improvement of the political climate and the completion of the peace process;

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