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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
192<sup>ND</sup> MEETING  
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ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

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**COMMUNIQUE**

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 192<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF  
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 192<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 10 June 2009, considered the situation in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in light of the briefing made by the Commission on the recent developments in the situation in that country, and adopted the following decision:

**Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the briefing by the Commission on the recent developments in the situation in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, following the negotiations held in Dakar, Senegal, from 27 May to 2 June 2009, between the major Mauritanian political poles;
2. **Welcomes** the conclusion of the Framework Agreement signed between the three main Mauritanian political poles initialed in Dakar, on 2 June 2009, and signed in Nouakchott, on 3 June 2009, and **notes with satisfaction** that this Agreement is in line with the elements for a way out of the crisis articulated in the relevant communiqués of Council, including communiqué PSC/PR/Comm. (CLXXXVI) adopted at its 186<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 6 May 2009, and supported by the International Contact Group on Mauritania;
3. **Congratulates** the Mauritanian parties to the process of ending the crisis for the political will and courage they have shown, which enabled the conclusion of this Agreement. Council **expresses its deep appreciation** to President Abdoulaye Wade and the Government of Senegal for their decisive contribution to the holding and success of the Dakar negotiations. Council **further expresses its high appreciation** to the President of the African Union, Brother Muammar Kaddafi, for his own efforts and support to the negotiation process and the way out of the crisis. Council **also expresses its gratitude** to the international community, within the framework of the International Contact Group on Mauritania, for its active contribution to the mediation and support for the implementation of the Framework Agreement;
4. **Urges** the Mauritanian parties to comply with the letter and spirit of the Framework Agreement and to implement in good faith the commitments made, whether they relate to the consensual transition, the electoral process, including the presidential election, whose first round is scheduled for 18 July 2009, the measures of healing and trust, as well as the continuation of the inclusive national dialogue;

5. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all the necessary steps to support the implementation of the Agreement, including the monitoring of the strict observance of the commitments made by the Mauritanian parties, the mobilization of the financial and technical support necessary for the smooth conduct of the electoral process and the coordination of the electoral assistance and observation, as well as the deployment of a sufficient number of observers, to ensure the holding of the presidential elections on 18 July 2009, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations in Mauritania, as well as internationally established standards in this regard, and support for the pursuit of the inclusive national dialogue, in order to strengthen national reconciliation and democracy, the rule of law and good governance and bring to a definite end the scourge of unconstitutional changes of Government in that country;
6. **Urges** the international community, represented by the International Contact Group on Mauritania, to provide all the necessary assistance for the effective implementation of the Framework Agreement and to play fully, under the auspices of the AU, the role expected of it towards a successful way out of the crisis in Mauritania;
7. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to keep Council regularly informed of the implementation process of the Framework Agreement;
8. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.