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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 317th meeting held on 12 April 2012, listened to a briefing on the evolving situation in the Republic of Mali.

Council welcomed the encouraging developments in Mali relating to the restoration of constitutional order, in particular the signing, on 6 April 2012, of the Framework Agreement on the Implementation of the Solemn Commitment of 1 April 2012.

Council reiterated its appreciation to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) for its untiring efforts to find a solution to the crisis in Mali. Council particularly paid tribute to President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d'Ivoire, Current Chairman of ECOWAS, as well as to President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, Mediator in the Malian crisis, for their sustained efforts which made this breakthrough possible. Council also commended the persevering action of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso, Yipènè Djibril Bassolé, representative of the Mediator.

Council welcomed the inauguration of the acting President, Mr. Dioncounda Traoré, and called upon all the actors concerned to implement scrupulously the other provisions of the Framework Agreement.

Council looks forward to the conclusions of the extraordinary session of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council, held in Abidjan, today 12 April 2012, and agreed to convene soon to take the decisions called for by the evolution of the situation in Mali, and accompany the implementation process of the Framework Agreement of 6 April 2012.