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PRESS STATEMENT

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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 552nd meeting held on 19 October 2015, was briefed by the Commission on the situation in Libya. Council also listened to statements made by the representative of Libya, as well as by the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in its capacity as an African member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and by those of the permanent Members of the UNSC, namely, France, United Kingdom and United States of America. Furthermore, Council received statements from the representatives of the United Nations, League of Arab States and the European Union.

Council recalled its previous communiques and press statements on the situation in Libya, in particular, Press Statement PSC/BR/(DXXXV), adopted at its 535th meeting held on 18 August 2015, in which Council reiterated AU's deep concern about the prevailing security, human rights and humanitarian situation in Libya. In this regard, Council also called for an immediate end to violence and human rights abuses across the country.

Council stressed the importance of respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Libya and reiterated its conviction that there will be no any viable military solution to the current crisis in that country. In this regard, Council urged the Libyan stakeholders to genuinely commit themselves to uphold the Libyan Political Agreement reached under the auspices of the UN. In this context, Council expressed support for the proposal, by the UN, for the formation of a Government of National Accord and urged all Libyan stakeholders, who have not yet done so, to fully support this proposal and, accordingly, to work towards expediting the establishment of the proposed Government of National Accord.

Council urged all Libyan stakeholders to facilitate access of humanitarian aid agencies to the population in need and appealed to the international community to continue and intensify their assistance to the affected population.

Council commended the efforts being deployed by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Libya and Head of the UN Support Mission in Libya, Bernadino Leon and also those of the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission, former Prime Minister of Djibouti, Dileita Mohamed Dileita, in facilitating the search for a political solution to the current crisis in Libya.

Council underscored the leadership role of the AU in supporting the implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement towards the achievement of lasting peace in Libya. Council also stressed the urgent need for the larger international community to enhance its support for the successful implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement.

Council commended the neighboring countries, namely, Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Niger, Sudan and Tunisia, which have suffered the consequences of the crisis in Libya, for the important role they continue to play in the search for peace, security and stability in Libya. In

this regard, Council urged them to continue to support the Libyan stakeholders in the implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement.

Council warned all those Libyan stakeholders who seek to undermine the search for a political solution to the current crisis in Libya that they will be held accountable for their actions. In this regard, Council welcomed the readiness of the Security Council, as reflected in its Press Statement of 17 October 2015, to designate those who threaten Libya's peace, stability and security or who undermine the successful completion of its political transition.

Council decided to remain seized of the matter.