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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

**67<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

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**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 67<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF  
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7 December 2006, adopted the following decision on the situation in the Central African Republic:

**The Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Multidisciplinary Mission of Experts that visited the Central African Republic from 3 to 15 April 2006 [PSC/PR/3 (LXVII)], as a follow-up to decision PSC/PR/Comm. (XLIV) adopted at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29 December 2005, and of the Briefing Note on the Evaluation Mission of the Situation in Central African Republic that visited the country from 15 to 18 November 2006 [PSC/PR/2 (LXVI)];

2. **Reiterates** its commitment to the respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and stability of the Central African Republic, as well as its commitment to the respect for constitutional rule and its rejection of any attempt to take power by force. In this respect, the Council **demands** that the Central African Republic rebel movements renounce the use of force and engage in dialogue to find solutions to the current problems, within the framework of the State institutions. The Council **requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to support all initiatives taken in this direction, including through his Special Envoy, in close collaboration with the countries of the region and other concerned members of the international community;

3. **Reaffirms its support** to the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC), and its Multinational Force (FOMUC), the United Nations Office in Central African Republic (BONUCA), the European Union (EU), the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) and all other external partners of CAR, for their efforts to promote peace, security and stability and to create conditions for the socio-economic recovery of the country;

4. **Encourages** the countries of the region to consider ways and means of strengthening FOMUC to enable it contribute more effectively to the consolidation of peace and security in the Central African Republic. In this respect, the Council **requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to provide the necessary support to this process;

5. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to consider the best ways to continue to commit the Central African authorities and all the political and social stakeholders to the promotion of national harmony, respect of institutions, respect of human rights and the upholding of good governance;

6. **Commends** the Government of the Central African Republic for the measures that it has taken within the framework of economic reforms and for the renewal of negotiations with international financial institutions. In this respect, the Council **notes with satisfaction** the positive outcome of the negotiations between the Central African Government and the international financial institutions, which have enabled the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the African Development Bank (ADB),

in particular, to reactivate their activities in CAR. The Council **urges** the CAR Government and the international financial institutions to maintain and pursue these contacts in order to consolidate the gains made in the economic and financial reforms thus far effected, and give CAR the necessary assistance for its socio-economic revival;

7. **Expresses appreciation of** the collaboration between the AU, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN/ECA) and the ADB, which made it possible to dispatch the multidisciplinary mission of experts to the Central African Republic, and **endorses** the mission's recommendations;

8. **Underscores** the need for AU Member States, in the name of African solidarity, and within the framework of the Policy for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development, adopted by the Executive Council at its Ninth Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 25 to 29 June 2006 [EXCL/Dec.302(IX)], to provide support for the socio-economic recovery of CAR and the consolidation of peace and stability in that country. In this respect, the Council **urges** AU Member States to take the required measures to concretely assist the Central African Republic, including through the following urgent measures:

- direct budgetary support,
- assistance towards the defence and security sector, through the most appropriate measures;
- assistance towards general public administration and public finances, including the provision of experts;
- assistance towards the agricultural, educational and health sectors;
- technical support for the rehabilitation of infrastructure, including in the sector of water and electricity.

9. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take measures for sensitizing the international community on the situation in the Central African Republic and for mobilizing the necessary support, including the organization, in collaboration with the ECA and the ADB, of a donors' round table to mobilize the necessary resources for the Central African Republic;

10. **Further requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take the necessary follow-up measures and coordinate the assistance solicited and to set up, with the assistance of AU Member States, a multidisciplinary team of experts that should be based in Bangui to support efforts for socio-economic recovery;

11. **Appeals** to AU partners to provide support to the efforts deployed towards the socio-economic recovery of the CAR and the consolidation of peace and stability in that country;

12. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to submit to it by April 2007 at the latest, a report, on the implementation of the measures contained in this decision;

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