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PRESS STATEMENT

PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 101ST MEETING OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC), ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE (ASF)

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 101st meeting, held on 21 November 2007, was briefed by the Commission, as well as by Representatives of the Standby Regional Brigades namely, Eastern Africa Standby Brigade Coordination Mechanism (EASBRICOM), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), North African Standby Brigade (NASBRIG) and Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), on the progress made in the process of establishing the African Standby Force (ASF), as provided for in Article 13 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council.

The Council took note of the briefings and expressed appreciation for the efforts deployed by the Commission and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), as well as for the support of the AU Partners, which culminated in the production of the fundamental policy and legal documents for the ASF, including Doctrine, Standard Operational Procedures (SOP), Logistics and Training Standards.

The Council urged the Commission to expedite the preparation of draft policy documents for their submission for consideration to the AU policy organs, including the early convening of the meeting of Ministers of Defence and Security.

Addis Ababa, 21 November 2007