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COMMUNIQUÉ



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**Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1091<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 29 June 2022, on the Situation in Libya.**

### The Peace and Security Council,

**Noting** the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Daniel Owassa, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Congo to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for the month of June 2022, and the statement by the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, delivered on his behalf by the Director for Conflict Management Directorate, Dr. Alhaji Sarjoh Bah; **also noting** the statement delivered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Congo H.E. Jean-Claude Gakosso, on behalf of the Chairperson of the High Level Committee for Libya, H.E. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo, as well as the briefing by the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission for Libya, H.E. Ambassador Wahida Ayari;

**Further noting** the statements by the representative of the State of Libya, and the representatives of the neighboring countries of Libya and other concerned countries, namely of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Republic of Chad, Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Tunisia, as well as the statements by the representatives of the North Africa Regional Capability (NARC) and Secretariat of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) to the AU/ Head of the United Nations Office to the AU (UNOAU);

**Recalling** all previous AU Assembly decisions and pronouncements on the situation in Libya, in particular, Decision [[Assembly/AU/Dec.819\(XXXV\)](#)] adopted by the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held from 5 to 6 February 2022, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; also **recalling** its previous decisions on the situation in Libya, in particular, Communiqué [[PSC/MIN/COMM.1035\(2021\)](#)] adopted at its 1035th meeting held at ministerial level on 30 September 2021, and Communiqué [[PSC/MIN./COMM.\(CMXCVIII\)](#)], adopted at its 997<sup>th</sup> meeting held at ministerial level on 18 May 2021;

**Reiterating** its support to the UN-facilitated but Libyan-led and owned political process; and **reaffirming** that any external support to Libya must complement UN/ AU-led efforts for dialogue and reconciliation among the Libyan stakeholders; and

### Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council:

1. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Libyans to reach consensus over rounds of talks held in Cairo (Egypt), Geneva (Switzerland), and Skhirat (Morocco) under the UN facilitation, with a view to reaching a consensual constitutional basis towards holding presidential and parliamentary elections;
2. **Commends** the Libyan authorities for the progress reached so far in the search for durable solution towards peace and stability in Libya, following the outcomes of the Libyan

Political Dialogue Forum, which led to the formation of transitional institutions in charge of conducting general elections;

3. **Also commends** the continued efforts of the AU High Level Committee for Libya led by H.E. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo, in support of the Libyan peace and reconciliation process and, **in this context, welcomes** the visit to Tripoli and Benghazi by the High-level delegation led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Congo, H.E Jean-Claude Gakosso, from 20 to 25 June 2022;

4. **Further commends** the critical role and efforts of the neighbouring countries, the Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) in supporting the Libyan-owned political process, including stabilization and reconciliation process;

5. **Commends** the unity and the continuous efforts of the 5+5 Joint Military Commission (JMC) and the Libyan-owned ceasefire monitoring mechanism (LCMM), under the auspices of United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL);

6. **Expresses concern** over the threats arising from circulation of illicit arms, including small arms and light weapons, as well as the transnational influx of terrorist groups and mercenaries in Libya; and in this context, **condemns** the continued violations of the UN arms embargo and the delays in withdrawing of mercenaries and foreign fighters that are threatening to disrupt hard-won gains in the country's transitional process ahead of upcoming elections; **reiterates its calls** for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all foreign fighters, foreign forces and mercenaries from Libya, pursuant to the Ceasefire Agreement signed on 23 October 2020;

7. **Strongly condemns and totally rejects** the continuous external interference in the domestic affairs of Libya, and **appeals** to all participants in the Berlin Conferences I and II to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of Libya; **further appeals** to all Libyan stakeholders and external actors involved in fuelling the current political crisis to fully comply with the commitments outlined in the Berlin Conferences, the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) and the Permanent Ceasefire Agreement, and to refrain from undertaking any action that jeopardizes stability in the country;

8. **Acknowledges** the challenges that are hindering the Libyan stakeholders towards ensuring credible elections, and **underscores** the importance of an inclusive, comprehensive intra-Libyan national dialogue and reconciliation process, as well as the need to foster confidence-building measures to put an end to the current divisions and to build genuine synergies among all Libyans;

9. **Reiterates** full support to the ongoing political process towards the clarification of the constitutional framework, and **urges** all Libyan stakeholders to reach consensus over the finalization of all necessary constitutional and election frameworks, in order to enable the National High Electoral Commission (HNEC) to implement its mandate and grant 2.8 million voters the chance to freely express their general will;

10. **Underscores the need** for the AU's involvement in supporting the implementation of the National Reconciliation Strategic vision and, **in this vein, calls on** the Libyan stakeholders to adhere to the efforts of the AU and the envisaged launching of the preparations for preliminary process to lay the ground for the inclusive National Reconciliation Conference;
11. **Also underscores the importance** of ensuring enhanced coordination, harmonization and complementarity of efforts among the AU, the UN, the EU, the League of Arab States (LAS), as well as the international community and participants of the Berlin Process, in order to avoid duplication of efforts and competing tracks, in providing support to the Libyans;
12. **Reiterates** AU's continuous support for the Permanent Ceasefire Agreement of 23 October 2020, and **commends** the Libyan stakeholders and all concerned international actors for respecting their commitments as outlined in the Berlin Conferences, and the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF);
13. **Also reiterates** its call for the Libyan authorities along with UN specialized agencies to take concrete measures towards protecting civilians in Libya, including asylum seekers, migrants and refugees, in line with International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law;
14. **Recalls** the urgent need for the AU Commission to ensure that the AU Mission in Libya is relocated to Tripoli and is sufficiently capacitated, in order to enable it to more effectively discharge its mandate and adequately support the AU's efforts on Libya, in line with the Decision [[Assembly/AU/Dec.819\(XXXV\)](#)] adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held from 5 to 6 February 2022;
15. **Looks forward** to the urgent appointment of the UN-Secretary General' Special Envoy, of African origin, in order to enhance the efforts of the ongoing peace process and stabilization in Libya; and
16. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

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