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PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
1129TH MEETING

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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1129th meeting held on 20 December 2022, considering the Conclusions of the Second Joint Retreat of the PSC of the AU and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) which was held from 14 to 15 November 2022, under the theme: *Strengthening the nexus between Governance and Peace and Security on the Continent: Enhancing PSC and APRM cooperation on early warning for conflict prevention, in harmony and in synergy with the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the African Governance Architecture (AGA)*:

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling previous Assembly Decision [[Assembly/AU/Dec.758 \(XXIII\)](#)] adopted during the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Union, held on 9-10 February 2020, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, highlighting Article 6 (3) of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Statute (2020) which provides that the APRM shall contribute to early warning for conflict prevention within the continent, in harmony and synergy with the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the African Governance Architecture (AGA);

Committed to the effective implementation of its previous decision through Communiqué [[PSC/PR/COMM.1069 \(2022\)](#)] adopted at its 1069th meeting held on 10 March 2022, which adopted the eThekweni Conclusions of the Inaugural Joint Retreat between the PSC and the APRM;

Faithful to the relevant provisions of the AU Constitutive Act, the Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, particularly Article 12 on the Continental Early Warning System, and all AU-related normative instruments on democracy and good governance;

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

1. **Commends** the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the successful hosting of the Second Joint Retreat of the PSC and the APRM, on 14-15 November 2022, in Durban, KwaZulu Natal Province;
2. **Expresses profound appreciation** to H.E. Ambassador Emilia Ndinela Mkhisa, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Namibia and Chairperson of the PSC for November 2022, and H.E. Abdoulaye Jannet, Vice Chairperson of the African Peer Review (APR) Panel of Eminent Persons, for co-chairing the Second Joint Retreat of the PSC and APRM;
3. **Adopts** the [Conclusions of the Second Joint Retreat](#) of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the African Peer Review Mechanism; and **requests** the AU Commission and the APRM to ensure the implementation of the Conclusions;

4. **Applauds** the Governments of the Republic of Namibia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the Republic of South Africa, respectively, for the recently concluded reviews as presented during the Joint Retreat; and **encourages** them to consider implementing the recommendations emanating from the review process to further strengthen institutions and promote democracy, good governance, and inclusive development, pursuant to the AU normative instruments;
5. **Calls on** the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (D-PAPS), the APRM and relevant partners to convene a conference on local governance, peace, security and development, and **welcomes** the offer of the Kingdom of Morocco to host this event;
6. **Expresses appreciation** to all the partners, including the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), for their support towards the organisation and successful holding of the Second Joint Retreat;
7. **Decides** to hold the Third Joint Retreat in Durban, South Africa, during the third quarter of 2023, at a date to be jointly agreed upon in due course; in this regard, **directs** the PSC Committee of Experts, with the support of the AU Commission and the APRM Continental Secretariat, to dedicate efforts towards the preparations of the holding of the Third Joint Retreat of the PSC and the APRM;
8. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

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Communiqué of the 1129th Meeting of the Peace and Security Council, Held on 20 December 2022, on considering the Conclusions of the Second Joint Retreat of the PSC of the AU and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

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