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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 130TH MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

At its 130th meeting held on 29 May 2008, the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) adopted the following decision on the situation in the Central African Republic (CAR):

Council:

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in the Central African Republic [PSC/PR/2(CXXX)] and the statement made by the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission for the Central African Republic, as well as the statements made by the Representative of the Government of CAR, the Office of the United Nations in Central Africa (BONUCA), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC);
2. **Notes with satisfaction** the efforts deployed by the Government of CAR in the promotion of dialogue, national reconciliation and peace. In this regard, Council **welcomes** the completion of the preparations for the inclusive political dialogue and **urges** all concerned parties to participate in the dialogue in a constructive manner and in a spirit of tolerance and mutual respect;
3. **Welcomes** the signing on 9 May 2008, in Libreville, of the Ceasefire and Peace Agreement between the Government and the People's Army for Restoration of Democracy (*APRD*) and **pays tribute** to President El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba in his capacity as the Chair of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on CAR issues in the CEMAC region for his sustained efforts towards peace in CAR. In this respect, Council **urges** the signatories, including parties to the previous agreements of Syrte on 2 February 2007 and of Birao on 13 April 2007, to respect the commitments that they made;
4. **Expresses its gratitude** to the Leaders of the Region, in particular of ECCAS and CEMAC, for their sustained efforts aiming at promoting peace and stability in CAR and **urges** them to pursue these efforts. In this regard, Council **takes note** of the decision of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECCAS in Brazzaville on 30 October 2007 to transfer authority over the CEMAC Multi-national Force (FOMUC) from CEMAC to ECCAS, as well as the decision of the Cameroonian Government to contribute a 119 strong contingent with a view to reinforcing FOMUC;
5. **Welcomes** the fruitful cooperation between the AU and the European Union (EU) which has always made it possible since 2004, to provide support to the activities of the FOMUC and encourages the two institutions to reinforce this partnership and to extend it to other key areas of the post-conflict reconstruction programme and socio-economic recovery of CAR;
6. **Expresses its concern** with the persistence of insecurity in some provinces in the hinterland, as well as along some road networks and with the worsening humanitarian situation in the north of the country;
7. **Strongly condemns** the recent atrocities committed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) of Joseph Kony in the Central African Republic and **is deeply**

concerned with the threat of destabilization that the presence of this movement poses to CAR and Chad;

8. **Notes with satisfaction** the sustained efforts of the Government of CAR towards the socio-economic recovery of CAR and the progress made in this respect. Council **expresses its gratitude** to all the development partners for their sustained support and engagement with the Central African authorities and encourages them to pursue and to reinforce their support with the view to contributing to the consolidation of peace and stability in CAR;

9. **Commends** the Commission for the initiatives that it took in follow-up to its communiqué PSC/PR/Comm/LXVII of 7 December 2006, in particular the organisation of the African Solidarity Conference with CAR held in Addis Ababa on 19 October 2007, and **requests** it to pursue and intensify its efforts to ensure an adequate follow-up of the conclusions of the said conference, including through the dispatch of a technical follow-up mission to Bangui and **urges** Member States to continue their support to CAR;

10. **Also requests** the Commission to continue to support the inclusive political dialogue and peace consolidation efforts in CAR and to take necessary measures for the opening of a liaison office in Bangui;

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