Chad chairs the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, September 2021

Addis Abeba, 01 September 2021: Declared as “Africa Amnesty Month” for the surrender and collection of illegally owned weapons/arms, the African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council Chairship is presided over by the Republic of Chad.

The Council’s agenda for September will feature two prominent open sessions - one on the commemoration of the 2021 Africa Amnesty Month - which provides an avenue for African countries to silence the guns and the other on the commemoration of the International Day of Peace and briefing of the 2nd Edition on the Luanda Biennial “A Pan African Forum for the Culture of Peace”.

Also on the agenda, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the High Representative for Mali and the Sahel and the representative of the United Nations will brief the Council on the situation in Mali. The Council will also consider the Report of its Evaluation Mission to Mali. The PSC also will receive a briefing on continental and regional activities in the area of mine action in Africa, in which the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) are expected to brief the Council.

Furthermore, the PSC will consider the mid-year report of the Chairperson of the Commission on elections in Africa from January to June 2021. This provides an opportunity for the Council members to have a comprehensive discussion of the elections held during the first half of 2021. During this session, all African countries held elections from January to June 2021 are expected to be invited with their respected RECs/RMs. The PSC will conclude the month with a ministerial meeting on the projected impact of the withdrawal of Foreign Forces and Mercenaries from Libya on the Sahel and the rest of Africa. This session will provide an opportunity for the PSC to exchange views on addressing the challenges facing the Sahel contributed by the withdrawal of foreign forces and mercenaries from Libya. Libya, the Sahel countries, concerned RECs/RMs and the United Nations are expected to be invited to participate in the open segment of the meeting. Furthermore, on the last day of the month, the PSC Committee of Expert will present to the PSC on the strategic priorities for the utilization of the peace fund and the draft of African consensus paper on the financing of AU-led peace support operations using UN assessed contributions.

During this month, the PSC is expected to start preparations of its upcoming Annual Joint Consultative Meetings between the PSC and the United Nations Security Council and the PSC and the European Union Political and Security Committee.
Upon assuming office as Chairperson of the AU Peace and Security Council, H.E. Ambassador Mahamad Ali Hassan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chad to the African Union, underlined that Chad remains committed to advocate for the month-long amnesty campaign and to work towards silencing the guns in Africa.

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Commission, Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, congratulated the outgoing Chairperson, Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono of Cameroon for his commendable chairship of the Council for the month of August 2021, and welcomed H.E. Ambassador Mahamad Ali Hassan of Chad on the assumption of his chairship for the month of September 2021. He assured Chad of the Commission’s readiness and commitment to continue providing all required support to the PSC throughout the month and beyond.

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