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PRESS STATEMENT

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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 819th meeting held on 19 December 2018, received a briefing by the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) on the review reports of various countries.

Council took note of the presentation on the work of the APRM, including its methodology, made by the Vice Chairperson of the APRM Panel of Eminent Persons, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, and complemented by M.Bispo Dinis Salomao Sengulane, member of the Panel.

Council expressed its support to the APRM and its efforts in relation to the promotion of good governance and inclusive and sustainable development, and recalled Assembly decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.527 (XXIII)], which included the budget of the Mechanism within the framework of the African Union.

Council recalled decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.686 (XXX)] adopted by the 30th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in January 2018, in Addis Ababa, in which the Assembly welcomed the steps taken to position APRM as an early warning tool for conflict prevention on the continent. In this regard, Council acknowledged the importance of the APRM as one of the most effective mechanisms for promoting conflict prevention, as it contributes in addressing some of the structural root causes of conflicts in the Continent, particularly those relating to governance.

Council encouraged the APRM Panel of Eminent Persons to work, where appropriate, in close collaboration with the AU Panel of the Wise, particularly in preventive diplomacy efforts.

Council commended all Member States which are already parties to the APRM and encouraged those, which have not yet done so, to also consider becoming members.