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PRESS RELEASE

Mogadishu, 9 November 2021: The Peace and Security Council of the African Union arrives in Mogadishu for a three-day field mission.

A Delegation of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) has arrived in Mogadishu, Somalia, today, 8 November 2021, on a three day field mission. The mission, led by the Chairperson of the PSC for the month of November, Ambassador Mohammed Omar Gad, is being undertaken in the context of discharging its mandate of promoting peace, security and stability in Africa. The field mission is being conducted to show the AU's solidarity with the people of Somalia and to reaffirm the AU's unwavering commitment to support the Federal Government of Somalia to address its peace and security challenges.

The field mission is taking place against the background of the impending end of the mandate of the flagship AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) by 31 December 2021, pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 2568, as well as the ongoing election process. The Delegation will consult with the FGS, among others, on the future of AU engagement in Somalia post-2021.

During the field mission, the PSC Delegation will meet with the representatives of the Federal Government of Somalia and other key stakeholders including AMISOM, the UN, the European Union and other members of the diplomatic community accredited to Somalia, as well as representatives of Somali civil society. The conclusions of the field mission will inform the next steps to be taken by the PSC in support of Somalia.