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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) recalls the press statement [PSC/PR/BR.(DCCXIV)] adopted at its 814th meeting held on 3 December 2018, with regard to the tabling of the draft United Nations (UN) resolution on “cooperation between the United Nations (UN) and sub-regional organizations: the role of states, regional arrangement and United Nations in the prevention of conflicts”, to be presented to the UN Security Council, under the Presidency of Cote d’Ivoire.

The PSC commends the A3 for their efforts in spearheading this initiative within the UN Security Council. This important resolution for Africa represents a long standing common African position to enhance the predictability and sustainability of the financing of AU-led peace support operations, undertaken within the framework of Chapter VIII of the UN Charter and authorized by the UN Security Council.

The PSC reaffirmed the comparative advantage of the AU-led operations in rapid deployment and undertaking of offensive operations where required, based on the principle of non-indifference. The PSC recalls the 2015 AU Assembly which decided to finance 25% of the AU’s peace support operations, emphasizing the need for UN assessed contributions to secure the predictable and sustainable funding for AU’s peace support operations.

The Peace and Security Council reaffirms, once again, that the draft resolution is timely and balanced, and also reflects the general consensus in the UN Security Council and beyond. In this regard, the Peace and Security Council welcomes the steps taken by the A3 to table the resolution for a vote immediately and calls on all African Union (AU) Members States, as well as all AU partners, including the Non-Aligned Movement Caucus to co-sponsor this resolution. The Peace and Security Council extends its thanks to all AU and UN Member States that have already co-sponsored and supported the resolution and appeals to all other members of the UN to do the same. The Peace Security Council underlines that the tabling of this resolution represents a watershed moment and an expression of the international community's commitment to strengthening the global peace and security architecture and its capacity to address today’s complex security challenges.

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