PRESS STATEMENT ON THE VISIT OF A UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL DELEGATION TO ADDIS ABABA

The Peace and Security Council, at its 78th meeting, held on 9 June 2007, was briefed on the upcoming visit of a Security Council delegation co-led by South Africa and the United Kingdom to Addis Ababa, on 16 June 2007, as part of a mission to Africa.


Council recalled that the United Nations Security Council has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. In view of this, Council emphasized that, in taking initiatives for the promotion of peace and security on the continent, the African Union is acting on behalf of the United Nations and the larger international community. The United Nations, therefore, is expected to provide continued and increased support to enhance the capacity of the African Union and to take the necessary steps to significantly and rapidly improve its resource base to enable it to effectively play its role in the context of the provisions of Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter.

Council welcomed the opportunity that will be given to it to have a fruitful exchange of views with the visiting Security Council delegation, which will lead to practical and tangible outcomes aimed at further strengthening the cooperation between the two organs, in line with Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter, including enhanced and structured cooperation in resolving conflict situations in Africa.

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