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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 302nd MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 302nd meeting held on 2 December 2011, adopted the following decision on the second phase of the implementation of the mandate of the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM):

Council:

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the second phase of the implementation of the mandate of AMISOM [PSC/PR/2(CCCII)], as well as of the statements made by the representatives of the United States, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations;
2. **Recalls** all its previous decisions and press statements on the situation in Somalia, in particular the communiqués adopted at its 245th and 293rd meetings held on 15 October 2010 and 13 September 2011, respectively;
3. **Reiterates** AU's deep concern at the humanitarian situation prevailing in Somalia, as a result of the current drought and famine particularly following the recent expulsion of humanitarian agencies and **calls** on the international community to take advantage of the security gains to facilitate the provision of the much-needed humanitarian assistance to the affected populations in the liberated areas both in Mogadishu and elsewhere across the country;
4. **Commends** the Transitional Federal Government (TFG), AMISOM troops and allied forces for the significant gains made on the ground, in particular the extension of the control of the TFG and AMISOM to areas previously occupied by Al Shabaab. Council **expresses, once again, AU's gratitude** to the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) for their commitment and steadfastness, and **looks forward** to the deployment of additional troops from Burundi, Djibouti and Uganda, as well as for the reconsideration of the United Nations Security Council mandated level of 12, 000 troops;
5. **Requests** Kenya to favourably consider the integration of its forces into AMISOM, as part of the next phase of deployment of AMISOM and **welcomes** the decision of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia to support the AMISOM-TFG-Kenya operation;
6. **Reiterates** that the Kenya-led operation in South Central Somalia, which is carried out in pursuance of IGAD and AU decisions as well as relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, together with the military gains achieved in Mogadishu, create a unique opportunity to further peace and reconciliation in Somalia and bring to a definite end the untold suffering inflicted on the Somali people. Council **stresses** the need, in this regard, for joint and mutually reinforcing progress along the political and security tracks considering that a sustainable solution cannot be realized from progress made solely from one track;
7. **Calls** on the Somali political leadership and all stakeholders, to fully and timely honour their commitments under the Kampala Accord of 6 June 2011 and the Political Roadmap agreed to in Mogadishu on 7 September 2011. In particular, Council **urges** the

Transitional Federal institutions (TFIs), signatories to the Roadmap, guarantors and the international community at large to support the realization of the cardinal objectives in the Roadmap including finalization and adoption of the Constitution, parliamentary reform, improvements in governance and security, reconciliation and outreach to all groups across Somalia that renounce violence;

8. **Endorses** the communiqué of the 19th Extra-Ordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, on 25 November 2011.

9. **Welcomes** the preparatory work for a new Strategic Concept upon which the AU, IGAD and the United Nations, the League of Arab States and other partners can effectively combine their efforts in support of the TFIs, in particular through the creation of a conducive security situation for the successful implementation of the Roadmap and the completion of the transitional tasks by August 2012. Council **requests** the Commission to expedite the finalisation of the Strategic Concept for its early consideration by Council and to immediately engage the United Nations and other relevant partners, with the view to securing their support for the second phase of the implementation of AMISOM mandate;

10. **Notes** that the Strategic Concept for future operations in Somalia to be jointly developed with the TCCs and other regional countries, the IGAD and the United Nations requires, in particular, the provision of enhanced mission support for its implementation. In this regard, Council, once again, **calls upon** the United Nations Security Council to consider authorizing funding from the assessed budget, to AMISOM, of the required mission support including the enhanced personnel, force enablers and multipliers, contingent-owned equipment, as well as allowances for the troops and formed police units provided for in the Strategic Concept;

11. **Requests** the Commission to submit recommendations to enhance the mandate of AMISOM and to authorize its strengthening to a level and size that are appropriate for the consolidation of peace and security in Mogadishu and South and Central Somalia and other secured areas; and **reiterates** previous calls on the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution that enforces measures to control access to the ports of Kismayo, Harardhere, Marka and Barawe and an air-exclusion zone to cut off arms supplies to Al Shabaab;

12. **Urges** the United Nations Security Council, in line with its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and its expressed intention to review and consider thoroughly the need to adjust the mandated troop levels of AMISOM, as contained in paragraph 5 of resolution 2010 (2011), to accordingly authorize the revision and expansion of the United Nations support package mandated by resolutions 1863 (2009), 1964 (2010) and 2010 (2011), to cater, from United Nations assessed contributions, for the requirements contained in the Strategic Concept, including the provision of force enablers and multipliers, the deployment of AMISOM vessel protection detachments to protect UNSOA supply ships and contribute to the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to fight piracy, reimbursement for troop allowances and contingent-owned equipment and the deployment of Formed Police Units (FPUs), as well as the integration of Kenyan troops into AMISOM;

13. **Further stresses** the need for the international community to seize the new opportunity arising from the recent developments in Somalia and discharge its responsibility towards the people of Somalia, in particular through the provision of adequate humanitarian assistance and support to early recovery where possible, financial and technical support for the implementation of the Roadmap, capacity building for the TFIs, including the Somali national security forces, and the articulation of a holistic approach to addressing the issue of piracy off the coast of Somalia, as well as through the mobilization of the required financial and logistical resources for AMISOM to more effectively discharge its mandate, pending the deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation;

14. **Encourages** the United Nations Security Council to consider creative and action-oriented steps, including an immediate partial re-hatting of AMISOM as a United Nations peacekeeping operation in the sector of Mogadishu and its environs with a peace consolidation mandate, while AU and TFG-led effort continues throughout the rest of the territory of Somalia;

15. **Further encourages** the Commission to actively engage the United Nations Secretariat and other bilateral and multilateral partners to find mutually reinforcing solutions in the implementation of the new strategic concept of AMISOM, as well as to enhance the nature and scope of support to the TCCs and to the TFG Security Force and Police;

16. **Decides** to authorize AMISOM to train and deploy vessel protection detachments to enhance the effectiveness of the security and safety of the vessels involved in the transport of logistics and delivery of services to it and to the TFG Security Force and Police;

17. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to transmit this communiqué to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as to other multilateral and bilateral partners;

18. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.