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Compliance and Accountability Reinforced at the 14th Joint Steering Committee Meeting of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) against Boko Haram

The Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC), the African Union (AU) Commission, and the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) of Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria held the 14th Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Meeting from 6 to 7 August 2024 in N'Djamena, Chad. Ambassador Mamman Nuhu, the Executive Secretary of the LCBC, who is also the Head of Mission of the MNJTF against Boko Haram, Alhaji Sarjoh Bah PhD, the Director of Conflict Management Directorate of the AU Commission, Major General Is Ali, the Force Commander of the MNJTF, and representatives of the MNJTF TCCs led the discussions, reviewing the MNJTF operations against Boko Haram as well as the additional support mobilised and provided by the AU Commission to the force.

The meeting reiterated the commitment of the AU and the LCBC to continue the enduring and mutually beneficial relationship between the two organisations, which has led to the degrading of Boko Haram and other terrorist groups in the MNJTF areas of responsibility. It commended the MNJTF on the just concluded Operation Lake Sanity 2, which has further degraded Boko Haram and other terrorist groups in the Lake Chad Basin region, noting the readiness of the MNJTF and its TCCs to abide by the African Union Compliance and Accountability Framework (AUCF) in line with international humanitarian law and international and regional human rights laws.

The AU Commission renewed its commitment to continue its support to the MNJTF in its operations against Boko Haram and for the stabilisation of the Boko Haram-affected areas. Finally, the meeting appreciated the European Union's financial contribution to the MNJTF through the AU Commission, which has enhanced the force's operations. The unity of purpose of the MNJTF TCCs in their fight against Boko Haram and other armed groups was recognised and commended.

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