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COMMUNIQUÉ



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**Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 1241<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 30 October 2024, on the Consideration of the Report of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) Field Mission to Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR) and the Commemoration of the Africa Amnesty Month 2024, conducted respectively, from 9 to 10 September 2024.**

### The Peace and Security Council,

**Recalling** its previous decisions on the situation in the CAR, particularly Communiqués [PSC/PR/COMM.1221 (2024)] adopted at its 1221<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 11 July 2024 and [PSC/PR/COMM.1157 (2023)] adopted at its 1157<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13 June 2023;

**Reaffirming** the solidarity of the AU with the people and Government of the CAR in their aspiration to restore durable peace, security, stability and development in their country; as well as the commitment of the AU to respect the sovereignty, political independence, national unity and territorial integrity of the CAR;

**Mindful** of the responsibility of the AU as a guarantor of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic (PAPR-CAR) signed on 6 February 2019, in Khartoum, Sudan, by the Government of the CAR and fourteen (14) armed groups, and **also mindful** of the need to ensure the full implementation of the Agreement;

**Also Recalling** the Decisions [Assembly/AU/Dec.645 (XXIX)] adopted by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in July 2017, which declared September as the Africa Amnesty Month for the voluntary surrender and collection of illegally owned weapons, by the year 2020; and [Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1(XIV)] adopted by the Assembly of the Union at its 14<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session on Silencing the Guns in Africa, held on 6 December 2020;

**Noting** the presentation of the Report of the Peace and Security Council Field Visit to Bangui, CAR by H.E. Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue Monono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon and PSC Chairperson for September 2024;

### Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council:

#### **A. On the Field Mission to Bangui, CAR**

1. **Decides** to adopt the Report of the Field Mission of the Peace and Security Council Field Visit to Bangui, conducted from 9 to 10 September 2024;

2. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the CAR under the leadership of H.E. Professor Faustin Archange Touadera, for the hospitality extended the PSC Delegation and for hosting, in Bangui, the third edition of the AAM in Bangui, and **commends** him for his role as the Facilitator of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on the transition in Gabon and **reassures** him of the continued support of the PSC;

3. **Commends** the Government of the CAR for the progress registered, thus far, in addressing the political and security challenges in the country, including, in engaging with the armed groups in the country, with a view to encouraging them to join the peace process; **and encourages** the Government of the CAR and the armed groups to continue with peace talks in accordance with the Khartoum Peace Agreement;

4. **Also commends** the Government of the CAR for implementing the demobilization, disarmament and reintegration (DDR) process of the combatants of the armed groups, and **expresses appreciation** to the ECCAS, ICGLR, MINUSCA, World Bank and other stakeholders for the support rendered in the DDR process in the CAR; and **urges** them to continue supporting the CAR both in DDR and SSR;
5. **Welcomes** the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2745 on the lifting of the arms embargo imposed on the CAR, which will significantly contribute towards enhancing the capacity of the CAR Government to address the security challenges facing the country;
6. **Requests** the AU Commission and all Member States in a position to do so, as well as the development partners to scale up resource mobilization efforts in favor of the CAR, including resources for the successful organization of general elections in 2025, and also **requests** the Government of the CAR to continue constructive engagements with all political groups in the country in order to reach consensus on the organization of inclusive, transparent and credible democratic elections;
7. **Emphasizes** the need to harmonize all peace initiatives in the CAR in order to avoid duplication of efforts;
8. **Congratulates** the Government of the CAR for the development of a strategy for securing its borders with neighbouring countries in order to effectively control the movement of armed groups;
9. **Underscores the importance** of enhanced cooperation and collaboration between the CAR and its neighbouring countries, including through information sharing and joint operations against armed groups;
10. **Commends** the AU Commission for its technical and financial support in the implementation of the Khartoum Peace Agreement;
11. **Congratulates** Uganda for its cooperation with the Government of CAR in disarming and repatriating the LRA ex-combatants to Uganda; and
12. **Decides to remain** actively seized of the matter.

**B. On the Commemoration of the Third Edition of the Africa Amnesty Month.**

1. **Encourages** Member States to continue to promote the surrender of illicit SALW as provided for under the Africa Amnesty Month and to submit, to the AU Commission, detailed reports on the implementation of the AAM;
2. **Also encourages** Member States that have not yet done so, to consider signing ratifying and domesticating all relevant international instruments aimed at combating the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons (SALW), particularly, the Arms Trade Treaty;
3. **Emphasizes** the need for renewed efforts by Member States, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs), the Commission, development partners and other stakeholders in implementing the AAM, in line with the relevant provisions of the Outcome Document of the “Fourth Review Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Aspects and the International Tracing Instrument” held in New York, from 18 to 28 June 2024;

4. **Requests** the AU Commission, RECs/RMs and development partners to always ensure the mainstreaming of arms control, DDR and broader weapons collection, stockpile management, storage and destruction, in peace agreements;
5. **Further requests** the AU Commission, in close collaboration with RECs/RMs and other relevant stakeholders, to assist Member States, upon request, in further strengthening their national capacities in arms marking, in order to enhance tracing and stockpile management, as well as in the destruction of illicit and obsolete SALW;
6. **Calls upon** the relevant international organizations and bodies like the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) to share information on groups and individuals engaged in the illicit trade in SALW so that Member States can deploy appropriate countermeasures in accordance with their national laws and relevant international instruments; and
7. **Remains** actively seized of the matter.

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