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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1280th meeting held on 23 May 2025 on the Situation in Libya;

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling the AU Decisions on the situation in Libya, in particular Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.868 (XXXVII)] adopted by the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union on 17-18 February 2024, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, emphasizing the need to unify the country through an inclusive national reconciliation process to foster social and political cohesion;

Also recalling its previous decisions and pronouncements on the situation in Libya, particularly Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1244 (2024)] adopted at its 1244th meeting held on 12 November 2024;

Taking note of the Opening statement by H.E. Ambassador Harold Bundu Saffa, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) for the month of May 2025; and the briefing by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, presented by Ambassador Wahida Ayari, Special Representative of the Chairperson on the AU Commission for Libya; as well as the Statement by the Representative of the State of Libya;

Recognizing the importance of neighboring countries, regional organizations, and the United Nations in resolving the crisis in Libya; and

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

1. **Reaffirms** the AU's respect for the sovereignty, unity, independence, and territorial integrity of the State of Libya and **rejects** any type of external interference in the affairs of the State of Libya;
2. **Expresses deep concern** over the fragile security situation in Tripoli and the recent armed clashes in Tripoli, which resulted in loss of life and property damage; and **calls** for an unconditional and permanent ceasefire and **urges** all parties to refrain from actions or statements that could further destabilize the fragile security situation;
3. **Underscores** the imperative of maintaining order and demilitarizing the non-state forces in the capital and supported efforts to restore civilian order and uphold the rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression in line with AU instruments and international law; and also **underscores** the need for protection of civilians and warn that those responsible for the recent attack against civilians will be held accountable;
4. **Reiterates** support to Libyan national efforts within the framework of the principle of exclusive Libyan ownership of the political settlement; and **reaffirms** the necessity to strengthen and unify all the legitimate Libyan institutions, to fulfill all necessary frameworks for holding Presidential and Parliamentary elections simultaneously free, fair, transparent and inclusive throughout Libya as soon as possible;
5. **Reaffirms** its firm commitment to an inclusive, Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process facilitated by the African Union in collaboration with the United Nations;

6. **Stresses** the need to resolve the issue of the division of the High Council of State as it will lead to more political division and instability, thereby impeding any efforts for political settlement in Libya;
7. **Urges** all Libyans to reaffirm their commitments for an inclusive Libyan-led and Libyan-owned reconciliation process; and **reaffirms** the AU's strong support for Libyan reconciliation process;
8. **Calls** on all stakeholders for national responsibility and engagement in a comprehensive political process to end Libya's prolonged transitional phase and achieve lasting peace and development;
9. **Commends** the positive role of HE Mohamed Younes MENFI, President of the Presidential Council for his insight to manage the security difficult conditions and express the support of the AU to the Libyan people; **also commends** the Chair of the High-Level Committee on Libya for the tremendous work that produced the Libyan Reconciliation Charter signed in Addis-Ababa on 14 February 2025 and appeal to the parties to ensure its implementation and for those who have not done so, to consider joining the consensus and sign the Reconciliation Charter;
10. **Calls** on the international community to refrain from any foreign interference and assist Libya to end up with the transitional phase through holding fair, transparent and democratic elections;
11. **Calls** for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces, foreign fighters, and mercenaries from Libyan territory;
12. **Reiterates** the decision to undertake a Field Mission to Libya to enable the PSC to interact with various stakeholders on the ground in order to adopt more informed decisions in support and accompanying the sister country in its transition process;
13. **Requests** the AU Commission, based on the security situation on the ground, to accelerate the relocation of the AU Liaison Office to Tripoli, in accordance with Decision 815 of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in February 2022, in Addis Ababa.
14. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.