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I. CONSIDERATIONS FOR A PCRD FRAMEWORK

1. In order to support the work of the Peace and Security Council in the implementation, assessment, monitoring, evaluation, and enhancement of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) efforts, a Sub-Committee on PCRD was established pursuant, inter alia, to Article 8 (5) of the PSC Protocol, and relevant decisions ¹of the African Union on peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and post-conflict reconstruction.

2. The establishment of a Peace and Security Council Sub-Committee on PCRD in Africa is based on the following key considerations, among others:

- a) The increasing complexity and evolving nature of conflicts in Africa and the critical need to ensure that post-conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding processes are coherent, coordinated, and sustainable;
- b) Strengthening resilience of governance institutions, social cohesion, and economic recovery in post-conflict settings significantly reduces the risks of relapse into conflict;
- c) Facilitating the coordination of PCRD efforts of the Member States, Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) and other international partners to ensure synergy and coherence in the implementation of PCRD initiatives across the continent;
- d) Ensuring that PCRD efforts are holistic and multifaceted, combining peacebuilding, institutional capacity-building, socio-economic recovery, reconciliation, and development strategies to assist countries emerging from conflict to achieve sustainable peace.

II. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

3. The AU Sub-Committee on PCRD shall have the following primary objectives:

- a) Gather reliable information on countries in post-conflict situations or those under consideration for PCRD interventions, and advise the PSC accordingly;
- b) Engage with relevant AU Organs/institutions/entities, RECs/RMs, and the UN, and other international entities, at expert level, involved in post-conflict reconstruction and development in Africa, with a view to coordinating PCRD efforts;
- c) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of AU PCRD policies to ensure that the Member States concerned receive the PCRD support for recovery, reconciliation, and development as part of their post-conflict reconstruction program;
- d) Accompany Member States emerging from conflict toward the timely and effective restoration of governance structures, the rule of law, and socio-economic stability;

1- ¹ The PSC, at its 1122nd meeting held on 28 November 2022, “*Underscore[d] the need to urgently reactivate the Council’s Sub-Committee on PCRD and in this regard, tasks the PSC Committee of Experts to urgently work on the terms of reference and time frames for the Sub-Committee*”.

- e) Propose measures and frameworks to support Member States in developing and implementing effective PCRD strategies, tailored to their specific needs;
- f) Promote peaceful measures and developmental initiatives to resolve the root causes of conflict, strengthen governance, foster national reconciliation in post-conflict settings and prevent relapses.

III. LEGAL FRAMEWORKS FOR AU PCRD

4. The following AU normative and legal instruments provide the basis for AU PCRD efforts and the Sub-Committee on PCRD:

- a) The Constitutive Act of the African Union, particularly Article 3 on the promotion of peace, security, and stability in Africa;
- b) The Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;
- c) The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and other relevant AU human rights instruments ;
- d) AU Master Roadmap for Silencing the Guns in Africa;
- e) The Revised African Union Policy on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (2024) adopted by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
- f) The AU Assembly and PSC decisions on peace building and conflict prevention, particularly Decision [Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.(XVI)] on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development; and

IV. MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS

5. The Sub-Committee shall:

- a) Receive assignments/mandates on specific post-conflict situations from the PSC and serve as a technical Sub-Committee to assist the PSC on matters related to PCRD;
- b) Monitor political, socio-economic, and security developments across the continent, in collaboration with the relevant units of the AU Commission, AU PCRD Center, AUDA-NEPAD, APRM, and other relevant AU Organs/Institutions/entities and RECs/RMs, and make recommendations to the PSC on interventions required for effective post-conflict reconstruction and development.
- c) Monitor the implementation of PCRD activities/decisions adopted or endorsed by the PSC and provide updates on their implementation.
- d) Seek from all relevant AU Member States, RECs/RMs, and partners, at technical level, relevant information regarding the actions taken by them to implement PCRD measures adopted or endorsed by the PSC, and provide further recommendations on enhancing implementation.

- e) Recommend key areas for capacity building, financial support, and technical assistance required by Member States in post-conflict situations, and propose relevant measures for the PSC's consideration.
- f) Advise on resource mobilization strategies, including innovative financing solutions to support long-term PCRD efforts and ensure sustainable recovery and development.

V. COMPOSITION

6. The Sub-Committee on PCRD is a subsidiary standing body of the Peace and Security Council established pursuant to Articles 7 (g) and 8 (5) of the PSC Protocol and within the broad framework of relevant AU instruments.

7. The Sub-Committee shall consist of the fifteen (15) Members of the Peace and Security Council at the level of Experts. Each Member State represented on the Council and, therefore, in the Sub-Committee, shall designate two experts, one being the substitute of the main expert, but both can attend to the workings of the Sub-Committee.

8. Due to the nature of its work, the Sub Committee may invite to its meetings the following participants:

- i. Executive Secretary/Representative of the PCRD Center;
- ii. Representatives of RECs/RMs;
- iii. Representative of the AU's Champion for PCRD.

9. In order to enable the Sub-Committee to fulfill its mandate, the AUC through the PAPS Department, provide technical, administrative, logistical and necessary substantive support in collaboration with AU relevant entities in the field on PCRD.

VI. TENURE AND MODALITIES OF CHAIRING AND SECRETARIAT

10. The Chairperson of the Sub-Committee shall mirror the monthly rotational chairship of the PSC and the PSC Troika for continuity.

11. The Chairperson of the Sub-Committee or, in his or her absence, the incoming Chairperson shall convene and moderate meetings and report to the PSC on the activities of the Sub-Committee.

12. Should the Sub-Committee undertake a fact-finding mission in a Member State, it may be accompanied by the Chairperson of the PSC at the Ambassadorial level, who shall lead the delegation.

13. The Secretariat of the PSC shall serve as the Secretariat for the Sub-Committee.

VII. WORKING MODALITIES

14. The Sub-Committee shall carry out its general monitoring of post-conflict developments through regular engagements with relevant departments/units of the AU Commission, AU PCRD Center, AUDA-NEPAD, and other appropriate AU and RECs/RMs organs and structures, and undertake its own research and fact-finding/field missions.

15. The Sub-Committee shall reach its conclusions by consensus. However, should this prove

difficult to reach, the majority views should be expressed along with dissenting views to allow the PSC to draw conclusions based on its decision-making procedures.

16. The Sub-Committee may propose its annual budget to the PSC that approves it and includes it in its own budget as a separate line.

17. The Secretariat of the PSC, in the AU Commission, assists the Sub-Committee in terms of accounting and financial management of its budget, as well as administrative and logistical support for its operations, including official travels of its members.

VIII. MEETINGS

18. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as possible and whenever required or at the request of any Member State and on approval by a two-thirds majority of the Sub-Committee Members.

IX. AGENDA

19. The provisional agenda of the Sub-Committee shall be determined by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in consultation with all the Members of the Sub-Committee. The inclusion of any item in the provisional agenda may not be opposed by a Member State of the Sub-Committee.

X. QUORUM

20. The number of Members required to constitute a quorum shall be two-thirds of the total membership of the Sub-Committee.

XI. ENTRY INTO FORCE

21. These Terms of Reference shall enter into force upon the adoption by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.