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Fourth Annual informal consultative meeting between
the African Union Peace and Security Council and the United Nations Peacebuilding
Commission

11 November 2021
Chair’s Summary
1. On 11 November, the Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UN PBC), H.E.
Mr. Osama Abdelkhalek and the Chairperson of the African Union Peace and Security Council
(AU PSC), H.E. Mr. Mohamed Gad, convened a virtual informal consultative meeting to
identify ways of further enhancing cooperation between the two bodies on the accompaniment
of critical political transitions currently undergoing in Africa in the pursuit of peacebuilding
and sustaining peace.
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should be further stepped up to support peacebuilding and post conflict
reconstruction development programs in Africa, especially in the light of the
COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

 They welcomed the presentation of the Secretary General’s Common Agenda
including broadening the flexible agenda of the PBC to include more countries and
regions. They stressed the need to further operationalize the New Agenda for Peace
and raised their support for more adequate, predictable, and sustained financing for
peacebuilding, some of them including additional contributions to the PBF.

 They recognized the revitalization and operationalization of the African Union
Policy Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development through the planned
inauguration of the AU PCRD center in Cairo later in November. They called for
deepening synergies between the AU Center and the UN Peacebuilding Architecture
to align efforts in support of African owned and led peacebuilding activities during
political transitions.

 They welcomed stronger engagement of AU representatives in PBC meetings and
suggested to hold more frequent meetings between the two bodies, including at the
expert level, and, if resources permit it, to organize joint fields visits in 2022, with a
view to develop practical recommendations to both bodies for deepening their
relationship. They called for strategic alignment of their Programs of Work and
ensuring the AU representation in all relevant PBC meetings along with systematic
references to AU-UN partnership in the PBC’s written advice to the Security
Council on peacebuilding.

7. In their closing remarks, the Chair of the PBC and the Chair of the AU PSC thanked the briefers
and the Member States for their interventions and reiterated the need to further strengthen the
partnership between the two bodies for countries undergoing transitions in Africa, including at
expert level. They underscored the importance of DDR and SSR programs for peacebuilding
and post-conflict reconstruction and development initiatives while highlighting the critical role
play women in conflict prevention. Last, further efforts must be done in the cooperation to
ensure sustainable financing and funding on peacebuilding. The meeting closed with a
reference to the next AU PSC meeting dedicated to climate change and security.