

## **JOINT STATEMENT**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) AND THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION (PBC)**

**NEW YORK,  
18 OCTOBER 2024**

1. On 15 October 2024, the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AUPSC) and the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Consultative Meeting at the ECOSOC Chamber, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Consultative Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Omar Gad, Permanent Representative of Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for October 2024, and H.E. Sérgio França Danese, Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission.
2. Participants welcomed the remarks and statements delivered by H.E. Mr. Bankole Adeoye, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace, and Security; Mr. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of UNOAU

4. The members of the AUPSC and the PBC highlighted the key achievements in peacebuilding and sustaining peace in Africa, including the facilitation of national dialogue, reconciliation through national peacebuilding infrastructures and transitional justice mechanisms (including Truth and Reconciliation Commission) and the development and implementation of peacebuilding, conflict prevention, reconciliation and national cohesion strategies or roadmaps. To this end, they encourage Member States to incorporate peacebuilding and social cohesion in their National Development Strategies. The AUPSC and the members of the PBC underlined the importance of national ownership, leadership and participation of all strata of society, including the youth and women. Also, recognizing challenges such as rising geopolitical tensions, multi-faceted and entrenched conflicts, the adverse effect of climate change, and insufficient financial resources, they called for reinforcing partnerships between the African Union, the United Nations, as well as with relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations and International Financial Institutions to facilitate resource mobilization. In this regard, they urged international partners, including in the UN System; as well as international and regional financial institutions, to align and coordinate their peacebuilding-related efforts in Africa, with nationally led peacebuilding, regionally and continentally supported efforts, including through the role of the Commission and the African Union Center for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (AUC-PCRD).

5. They underscored the crucial role of structured transitions from peacekeeping missions to peacebuilding in preventing the relapse of conflicts and sustaining peace in Africa. The meeting highlighted the importance of close cooperation and planning with national authorities at an early stage of mission transition in order to ensure residual mission tasksy4 ( r7 (e)4 (ut)-2 (s)-1 (, i)-2 (nc)4 (l)-2 (ud



enable the full and effective implementation of the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Lake Chad Basin.

12. Highlighting the contributions of AU-led Peace Support Operations to maintaining international peace and security in Africa, and recalling the adoption of General Assembly Resolution 78/257, 79/1, and Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023), the AUPSC and the PBC welcomed the opportunities for enhanced cooperation, particularly in the context of ensuring sustainable, predictable and adequate financing in line with UNSC resolution 2719 (2023), which is key for AU-led Peace Support Operations to fulfill their mandate in achieving long-term peace, security, stability and development in conflict-affected areas.