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**PEACE AND SECURITY
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ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
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PRESS STATEMENT

PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 228th MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 228th meeting held on 3 May 2010, was briefed on the evolution of the situation in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire by the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission for Côte d'Ivoire, the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations in New York and Diplomatic Adviser to the President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in her capacity as the representative of the country currently holding the chairmanship of ECOWAS and the representative of the Commission of ECOWAS to the Commission of the African Union.

Council expressed its serious concern with the lack of progress in the process of exit from the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire since its meeting of 5 March 2010. Council underscored the need for the Ivorian parties to make every effort for the early completion of the process. Council urged the parties to promote an environment conducive for the completion of this process and the holding of inclusive, free, transparent and fair elections, particularly by finding solutions to outstanding issues, in conformity with the relevant provisions in the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements.

Council also urged the parties to extend full cooperation to the Independent Electoral Commission to enable it to fully play its role and to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to it in the resolution of pre-electoral disputes and the compilation of the voters list. In the same spirit, Council encouraged them to promote consensus in the best interests of Côte d'Ivoire.

Council requested the parties to extend full support to President Blaise Compaoré, the Facilitator of the Inter-Ivorian Dialogue, towards the full implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements. Council reiterated its appreciation to President Blaise Compaoré for his tireless efforts and urged him to pursue its efforts and to take

any initiative he may deem appropriate for the effective re-launching of the process for an exit out of the crisis and the faithful implementation of all the commitments made by the Ivorian parties. Council expressed its appreciation to all Organizations and goodwill actors working towards the completion of the process of exit from the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire.

Council agreed to meet again during the month of June 2010 to consider again the situation on the basis of a comprehensive report from the Commission, with the view of a mission to Côte d'Ivoire at the appropriate time.

Addis Ababa, 3 May 2010

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