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GHANA CONCLUDES ITS CHAIRSHIP AS KENYA TAKES OVER IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022

1 February 2022, Addis Ababa. The Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of African Union (AU) for the month of January 2022, H.E. Ambassador Amma A. Twum-Amoah, Permanent Representative to the AU, concluded the chairship of Ghana of the PSC for the month of January 2021 and handed-over the chairship of the Council, for the month of February 2022, to H.E. Ambassador Jean Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the AU.

During the month of January, the PSC held total of five meetings at ambassadorial level on the situations in South Sudan; Sudan; Mali and Burkina Faso, also renewal of the MNJTF and endorsement of the deployment of the Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM), as well as elections in Africa. Council also held one meeting at ministerial level on a general debate with the A3 on African matters in the UN Security Council agenda and adopted the appropriate decisions in this regard. The PSC Committee of Expert also held two meeting in support of the activities of the PSC.

In February 2022, the PSC is expected to hold two meeting at ambassadorial level to consider the situations in Sudan and Guinea, as well as to receive an update on the status of consultations on AMISOM post 2021. The PSC will meet at ministerial level (open session) on urbanization, women, peace and security in Africa and at Heads of State and Government level to consider the situation in Western Sahara and follow up on the implementation of the Nairobi Deliberations on Terrorism and Violent extremism in Africa. The PSC is expected to undertake two field missions to South Sudan and Sudan within the spirit of supporting the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement in South Sudan and support the transition process in Sudan. Based on the practice of the PSC, the Committee of Experts will also meet to support the activities of the PSC, particularly on the preparations for the ministerial and Heads of State and Government meetings.

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Commission, Ambassador Bankole Adeoye congratulated the outgoing Chairperson, Ambassador Amma A. Twum-Amoah of Ghana, for her commendable chairship of the Council for the month of January 2022, and welcomed Ambassador Jean Kamau of Kenya on the assumption of his chairmanship for the month of February 2022. He assured Kenya of the Commission's readiness to provide all required support throughout the month and beyond.

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