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PANEL OF THE WISE
6TH MEETING

7 JUNE 2009
TRIPOLI, LIBYA

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At the invitation of Brother Leader of the Libyan Revolution, Current Chairman of the African Union (AU), the Panel of the Wise, established with the mandate to support the AU particularly as regards conflict prevention, held its 6th Meeting in Tripoli, Libya, on 7 June 2009 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Ben Bella, Chairman of the Panel and in the presence of Dr. Brigalia Bam, Mr. Miguel Trovada and Dr. Elisabeth Pognon, members of the Panel.

The Panel expressed its high appreciation and deep gratitude to the Current Chairman of the African Union, Brother Leader Muammar El Ghaddafi of the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, thanking him for the support he gives to the Panel. The Panel also thanked the Libyan authorities for their contribution to the success of the meeting, as well as for the fraternal and warm hospitality granted to the Chairman and the Members of the Panel.

The Opening ceremony of the meeting was marked by statements made by the Chairman of the Panel, H.E. Mr. Ben Bella, the AU Commissioner in charge of Peace and Security, Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, as well as by H.E. Mr Khaled KAEM, Secretary of the People's Committee for External Relations and International Cooperation, representing the host country.

On this occasion, the Panel discussed and finalised the Report on the Election-Related Disputes and Conflicts. The Report, which will be submitted to the forthcoming Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, scheduled in Sirte, Libya, at the beginning of July 2009, falls within the framework of the annual thematic reflection initiated by the Panel on issues related to conflict prevention. This contribution, of which the Peace and Security Council has taken cognizance at its 191st Meeting held on 5 June 2009, is meant to identify measures likely to enhance the effectiveness of the instruments already adopted regarding democracy, elections and governance through the dynamic interactions with the African Peace and Security Architecture.

The Panel also reviewed the crisis and conflict situations on the Continent.

The Panel expressed its serious concern about the persistence of tension and crisis in many countries of the Continent and the scourge of Unconstitutional changes of Government and political assassinations. In this context, the Panel exchanged views on the developments in the situation in Guinea Bissau, Guinea and Madagascar and noted the action taken by the AU with the support of the international community to promote solutions in conformity with African legality. Within this framework, the Panel expressed satisfaction at the conclusion by the Mauritanian parties, of the Framework Agreement for the consensual restoration of constitutional order and called for its scrupulous and speedy implementation.

The Panel identified potential conflict situations on the Continent and agreed to undertake a number of field missions to support the efforts of the Chairperson of the Commission.

The Panel recommended the convening of an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union dedicated to the conflict and crisis situations in Africa.

The Panel agreed to devote its next quarterly meeting to consider the status of implementation of its Programme for 2009, particularly the thematic reflection on the problematic of impunity, justice and national reconciliation.

Tripoli, 7 June 2009

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