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TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE PSC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to the agreement that was reached by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union during the Maseru Induction Programme for the newly elected PSC Members held in March 2022, the Commission of the African Union (PSC Secretariat) will be organizing a Training Programme for the Committee of Experts, at Adulala Resort and Spa, in Debre Zeit, Ethiopia, from 12 to 15 May 2022.

II. MAIN OBJECTIVES

2. Essentially, the main objective of the Training Programme is to contribute towards enhancing the institutional capacity of the PSC Committee of Experts, in order to enable to more effectively discharge its mandate of providing the required technical support to the PSC as one of its key subsidiary bodies. It will also afford the Committee of Experts an opportunity to have a deeper and better appreciation of their mandate, work, working methods, Rule of Procedures, as well as for the Committee to plan its activities for the year.

3. In addition, and based on the experience gained, thus far, since joining the PSC on 1 April 2022, the Members of the Committee of Experts will also have the opportunity to share their experiences, reflections and perspectives on aspects relating to the work of the PSC that need to be urgently addressed, as well as the best means and ways of further enhancing their support to the PSC, with a view to contributing towards its effectiveness in discharging its mandate of promoting peace, security and stability in the African Continent. However, for those who did not attend the Maseru Induction, held in March 2022, the Training Programme, will be an opportunity for them to be appraised of the knowledge regarding the institutional working relationship between the PSC and other entities as provided for in the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC within the overall framework of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the African Governance Architecture (AGA).

III. DATES AND VENUE

4. Participants are expected to arrive at Adulala Resort and Spa in the afternoon of Thursday, 12 May 2022. The actual Training Programme will be span from 13 to 15 May 2022. The programme will be chaired by Dr. Jean Djoukeng, from the Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon to Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the PSC Committee of Experts for May 2022.

IV. PARTICIPATION

5. Participants for the Training Programme will comprise the experts from the fifteen PSC Members on the basis of 1+1 formula, as well as staff from the AU Commission. Participants will also include facilitators such as the former Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the AU, Ambassador Bulus Paul Lolo; former Director of the AU Peace and Security Department (Now PAPS) who was also the First and Founding Secretary to the PSC, Dr. Admore Mupoki Kambudzi, as well as individuals from one former PSC Member and institutions which work closely with the PSC, namely, the Institute for Security Studies and AMANI Africa, as well as the United Nations Office to the African Union.

V. FORMAT

6. The Training Programme will take the format of theme-focused presentations followed by discussions. There will also be simulation exercises. All proceedings will be conducted under the Chatham House Rule.

VI. WORKING DOCUMENTS

7. For the successful conduct of the Training Programme, the following working documents will be used as key references, namely:

- a) The AU Constitutive Act (2000);
- b) The Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;
- c) The PSC Rules of Procedure;
- d) The Manual on the Working Methods of the PSC; and
- e) The Annual Indicative Programme of the PSC for 2022.

VII. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

8. It is expected that at the end of the Training Programme, the PSC Committee of Experts Members, would have been effectively appraised of their mandate, work and working methods, Rules of Procedure, functions, powers and activities of the PSC, PSC working relations with other relevant key stakeholders as stipulated in the PSC Protocol, as well as the challenges to be addressed, in order for the Committee to more effectively discharge its mandate of supporting the PSC as its main subsidiary body.

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