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## STATEMENTS AND REMARKS

9<sup>TH</sup> HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON PEACE AND SECURITY

“ASSISTING INCOMING AFRICAN MEMBERS ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN PREPARING  
TO ADDRESS PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES ON THE CONTINENT”

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ORAN, ALGERIA

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**STATEMENT BY  
H.E. GEOFFREY ONYEAMA, HON. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA, AND  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE PSC FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022**

- **Your Excellency, Ramtane Lamamra**, Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad of Algeria,
- **Your Excellencies, Honourable Ministers and Deputy Ministers** of Member States of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the African Members of the UN Security Council,
- **Your Excellencies**, Friends of the Seminar,
- **Your Excellencies, Permanent Representatives** of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union,
- **Your Excellency, Commissioner** for Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department of the African Union,
- **Distinguished Representatives of the United Nations** Organization **Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations and **Mr. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga**, Special Representative of UN Secretary-General to the AU and Head of the UNOAU,
- **Distinguished Partners and Invited Guests;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. Let me begin by expressing my profound gratitude and appreciation to our wonderful host, the Government and People of the Algeria People's Democratic Republic of for the warm hospitality accorded us since our arrival in this beautiful city of Oran. Special appreciation goes to my good friend and brother, Minister Ramtane Lamamra, for his efforts to bring us all here, not once, but for last several years.

2. In my capacity as Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council for the month of December 2022, I welcome you all to the **9th High Level Seminar on Peace and Security, themed: “Assisting Incoming African Members on the United Nations Security Council in Preparing to Address Peace and Security Issues on the Continent”**.

3. Let me assure you of Nigeria’s unwavering commitment in ensuring our collective desired path to constructively engage and actively promote continental peace and security during our leadership of the Council for the month of December and during throughout our terms in the Peace and Security Council.

**Excellencies,  
Distinguished guests,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

4. As we are well aware, the High-Level Seminar, also known as the “Oran Process” has been institutionalized to take place annually in Oran, Algeria. This forum provides us all a unique opportunity, particular the PSC and the A3, to exchange ideas aimed at enhancing our efforts and coordination, towards championing the African common positions on peace and security issues of interest to Africa, in the UN Security Council. We deeply appreciate the generous support we continue to receive from the Friends of the Seminar and our partners which contributes to making this Seminar a great success.

5. As we bid farewell to Kenya, whose tenure in the UN Security Council is coming to an end during this 9th High-Level Seminar, we congratulate Mozambique on her successful election into the UN Security Council and welcome her into the fold of the A3. Without fail, I must express my sincere gratitude to Kenya for her exemplary leadership of the A3 during her tenure in the UN Security Council and I believe that during this Seminar we are all going to benefit from her rich experience.

6. Let me at this juncture express my immense appreciation to the A3 for the way and manner they have promoted and articulated African common positions, interests and concerns on peace and security issues concerning the Continent and its people, within the decision-making processes of the UN Security Council (UNSC).

7. May I also assure the incoming Member of the A3 (Mozambique) of our collective commitment to supporting you, as you discharge your enormous mandate in the Council.

**Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

8. I am eager to inform that our gathering in Oran is timely and the choice of our topics for deliberations could not have been more relevant and pertinent, given the myriad of challenges facing Africa, particularly the increasing proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons, rising scourge of terrorism and violent extremism, as well as recent trends of Unconstitutional Changes of Government (UCG) in some countries on our continent.

9. It is clearly evident that these developments are negatively affecting national, regional and continental stability and undermining our drive towards achieving AU Agenda 2063 and our flagship project ‘Silencing the Guns in Africa’, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). That is why we must continue to act collectively, in unity and solidarity in our fight against these threats.

10. It is in this regard that, I once again appreciate the high level of participants and discussants in this Seminar, which clearly demonstrates the importance and commitment we attach to these burning issues on our continent.

**Excellencies Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

11. It is my fervent hope that at the end this three-day Seminar, we would be able to come up with practical recommendations on best means and ways of further enhancing the

cooperation, coordination and collaboration between the PSC and the A3, as well as enhance the effectiveness of the A3 in discharging its mandate.

12. Once again, I thank you all for your readiness to actively participate in the High-Level Seminar, and on this note, let me extend my best wishes for a successful and fruitful deliberation.

13. **I thank you for your kind attention.**

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY  
H.E. RAMTANE LAMAMRA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
NATIONAL COMMUNITY ABROAD OF ALGERIA**

- **Excellency Mr. Chair of the Peace and Security Council, my dear brother and friend Geoffrey Onyeama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;**
- **Honorable Ministers dear sisters and brothers Members of the PSC, current and incoming Members of the A3 as well as friends of the Group;**
- **Distinguished High officials from the African Union and the United Nations;**
- **Distinguished Representatives of the partnering countries;**
- **Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen;**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you most warmly and to convey to you the greetings of H.E President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE as well as his best wishes for the full success of the 9th High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa.

This annual gathering that you have collectively decided last year to name as “the Oran Process” while rightfully choosing this beautiful city to be its permanent host has become an important source of inspiration in promoting our overriding objective of Africa speaking with one voice on the global stage, in particular within the UN Security Council.

We are therefore truly honored to continue contributing to the success of this Pan-African and international endeavor by bringing together the main stakeholders involved in this authentic process, namely the Members of the African Union Peace and Security Council, the African Members of the UN Security Council (current, outgoing and incoming), as well as High Officials from both the AU Commission and the UN Secretariat.

Our perseverance in pursuing this noble objective is all the more relevant today as the world is going through increasing tensions and mounting polarization against the background of a major crisis that threatens to revive one of the darkest chapters of human history.

While exacerbating the negative impacts of many other existing crises, including in Africa, these new circumstances have unveiled again the structural weaknesses of the international system for the maintenance of peace and security.

In this regard, we firmly believe that Africa, which has long been calling for the reform of the UN Security Council to end-up the historical injustice inflicted on it for nearly eight decades now, is entitled to make its case over and over, while emphasizing the urgent need for an inclusive and balanced multilateralism to address global challenges in an effective and efficient manner.

Our continent, which has long inscribed respect for international law and non-alignment as essential components of its diplomatic action, has the will, the ability as well as the much-

needed wisdom to make a positive contribution towards the betterment of international relations.

**Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,**

In this context full of uncertainties, we meet again today with the aim of making new steps in our path towards fulfilling the panafricanist vision of the Founding Fathers of our Organization.

A vision that has been well articulated in Agenda 2063 which aims to achieve “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena”.

In this regard, and while welcoming with great satisfaction the progress made so far in terms of operationalizing the Flagship Projects of Agenda 2063, notably in terms of accelerating Africa's integration and development, I would like to emphasize that a unified African voice within the UN Security Council is also an integral part of the “Africa We Want” project.

You will no doubt agree with me that the A3 arrangement, which few years back, took shape here in this same city, has become particularly critical in promoting Africa's major interests within the decision- making process of the UN Security Council.

I take this opportunity to highly commend the current members of the A3 and the Coordinator of the Group, the sisterly Republic of Kenya, for their tremendous efforts in championing African Common Positions, and congratulate them most sincerely on their unified role.

Building on this dynamic, Algeria aspires to bring its share to this continental enterprise through its candidature for a non-permanent seat in the UNSC during the period 2024-2025. Our first and foremost objective is to join hands with our African fellows to consolidate the African bloc within the most important international platform for peace and security.

In this connection, I would like to assure you that, under the leadership of H.E President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE and faithful to its constant and steadfast commitment to the causes of Africa, Algeria will spare no effort in upholding and promoting the principles of our Organization while carrying the continental mandate that the African Union has entrusted upon my country, Algeria, when endorsing its candidature.

**Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,**

Let me conclude by emphasizing again Algeria's firm conviction that in face of great upheavals, we need to uphold the even greater values of unity and solidarity to steer up our collective self-reliance, while seeking partnerships that respect Africa's sovereign rights in all areas of international life.

Faithful to this deep conviction, Algeria will continue its role as an active force for peace and stability in Africa lending its full support to the implementation of African solutions to African problems.

I hope this new edition of the “Oran Process” will further strengthen our collective commitment to promote these ideals and I wish you fruitful deliberations as well as a pleasant stay in the beautiful and vibrant city of Oran.

**Thank you for your kind attention.**



**STATEMENT BY  
H.E. AMBASSADOR BANKOLE ADEOYE,  
AFRICAN UNION COMMISSIONER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PEACE AND SECURITY**

- **Your Excellency Geoffrey Onyeama**, Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council for the month of December 2022,
- **Excellency Ramtane Lamamra**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Algerian National and Community Abroad and Host of this 9th High-Level Seminar, **Honorable Ministers** here Present,
- **Distinguished** Members of the Peace and Security Council,
- **African Members of the UN Security Council**, (former, current and incoming) **UN Under-Secretary-General** for Peace Operations, **Special Representative** of the UN Secretary-General to the African Union,
- **Distinguished** Invited Guests,
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**,

On behalf of H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, I wish to join the PSC Chairperson in welcoming you all to this 9th edition of our High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa.

At the onset, I wish to express sincere appreciation to, H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and through him, the Government, and people of Algeria, particularly the authorities and people of this magnificent City of Oran, for the uniquely warm hospitality, and indeed, for the facilities that have been availed to us, in order to ensure the success of this HL Seminar. Indeed, it's always a pleasure to be here.

I commend H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union for this month of December 2022, and, indeed, all the PSC Members, for including this important Seminar in the PSC Programme of Work for this month.

Let me also express sincere gratitude to our long-standing partners for the continued support to this annual event.

I join the Chair of the PSC to congratulate the Republic of Mozambique formally, as they join the prestigious A3 family in the coming weeks and to wish this sisterly country all the best during its membership of the UN Security Council. As the AU Commission, we strongly believe that Mozambique will significantly contribute towards the amplification of the African voice and in further enhance the effectiveness of the A3 within the Security Council.

And to the Republic of Kenya, I wish to express the sincere gratitude of the AU Commission, for the exemplary and effective representation of Africa within the Security Council during its tenure as a Member of the A3.

**Chairperson, Excellencies, Distinguished participants,**

Since the inception of this High-Level Seminar in December 2013, in Algiers, Algeria, with the support of the AU Commission and our already mentioned partners, the PSC has institutionalized and regularly convene this High-Level Seminar as one of its statutory annual activities in the month of December.

As you may be aware, the main objective of the High-Level Seminar is to further strengthen and build on the foundation laid by the Inaugural Seminar held in 2013, to ensure enhanced collaboration and cooperation between the PSC and the A3 in promoting peace, security, stability, prosperity and general well-being of the African people. More specifically, the Seminar is ultimately meant to prepare the A3 to more effectively articulate, promote and defend African Common positions and interests within the UN Security Council decision-making process on peace and security issues concerning Africa and its people.

Additionally, this Seminar provides a unique platform for the PSC and the A3, together with the Friends of the Seminar, to not only collectively reflect on peace and security challenges facing the African Continent, but also to candidly share experiences, lessons and concerns, so that together we can find best means and ways of more effectively addressing the challenges we continue to face, going forward. The Seminar will allow the entire A3, particularly, the Republic of Mozambique to better understand the responsibilities entailed in A3 membership, including the legitimate expectations of the PSC and Africa as a whole.

**Chairperson,**

I am pleased to underscore that, as a result of successive editions of this Seminar, we are now witnessing not only the impressive amplification of the African voice in the UN Security Council, but also more enhanced collaboration among the A3 Members and between the A3 and the PSC. We are proud of these achievements! Indeed, and thanks to this High-Level Seminar, the collaboration has now permeated to the level of experts of the UN Security Council and the PSC Committee of Experts.

At this juncture, let me commend the PSC and the A3 for the exemplary collaboration that manifested during the negotiations for the joint communique for the 16th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting with the UN Security Council held under the joint leadership of Gabon and Morocco in October, this year, in New York, United States of America. This trend should be maintained as the best practice.

**Excellencies and Distinguished Participants,**

To effectively address the threats to peace and security in our Continent, we have no other viable option, other than to effectively promote people-centered, collective, coherent, and

well-coordinated peace and security efforts. Furthermore, for the AU to be effective in promoting peace, security and stability in Africa, there is need for adequate, predictable, sustainable and flexible funding. It is for this reason that I once again, strongly encourage the A3 to continue advocating for AU to have unfettered access to UN assessed contributions. To this end, the Commission is finalizing a Consensus paper that speaks to sustainable financing for AU peace and security activities. This paper once adopted by the Assembly in February 2023, is expected to guide the A3, in this regard.

Undoubtedly, it is only with a robust PSC and a strong and united A3, bound by close cooperation, and inspired by the unwavering commitment to achieve a united peaceful and prosperous Africa, that we can further enhance our efforts to more effectively articulate and defend African common positions on peace and security in our Continent, in the decision-making processes of the UN Security Council.

In conclusion, I once again commend and reiterate the sincere gratitude of the AU Commission to the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for illustriously hosting this very important Seminar.

Please be rest assured Excellencies that, as the AU Commission, we will always stand ready and reaffirm our commitment to ensure the success of this Seminar.

**I wish you all a very fruitful 9<sup>th</sup> High-Level Seminar and thank you all for your kind attention.**

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