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

**7 – 9 DECEMBER 2022  
ORAN, ALGERIA**



- **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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