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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1282nd meeting on Consideration of the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience (RS-SRR) and an Update on the Operations of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) against Boko Haram, Tuesday, 10 June 2025.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling its previous decisions and pronouncements on the situation in the Lake Chad Basin Area and on the Activities of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) against Boko Haram, particularly Communique PSC/PR/COMM 1254 (2025) adopted at its 1254th meeting held on 13 January 2025;

Also recalling all relevant AU legal instruments, particularly the Constitutive Act (2000); the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (2002); the Common African Defense and Security Policy (CADSP) [2004]; the AU Non-Aggression and Common Defense Pact, (2005); AU Agenda 2063 specifically aspirations 3, 4 and 7; and the Johannesburg Declaration on Silencing the Guns in Africa, (2020), as well as the AU Master Roadmap of Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by 2030;

Further recalling the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, (1999); the Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism in Africa, (2002), the Protocol to the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism (2004) and the Tripoli Declaration on Conflict Reduction, Sustaining and Promoting Peace in Africa (2009); as well as Assembly Decisions [Assembly/AU/Dec.256(XIII)] on combating the payment of ransom to terrorist groups (2009) and [Assembly/AU/Dec.311(XV)] on the prevention and combating of terrorism (2010);

Reaffirming the AU's unwavering commitment to continue mobilizing support for the MNJTF until the Boko Haram terrorist group is eliminated and the Lake Chad Basin region is stabilized;

Take note of the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Innocent Shiyo, Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) for June 2025; and the introductory statement by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; **also take note** of the presentation by the representative of the Executive Secretary of the LCBC and the Deputy Force Commander of the MNJTF; and

Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council,

1. **Endorses and validates** the revised Five-Year Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Resilience and Recovery of the Boko Haram Affected areas in the Lake Chad Basin as adopted by the 70th Ordinary Session of Council of Ministers of the LCBC held on 27 February 2025 in Niamey, Niger;
2. **Reiterates** the AU's solidarity with the people and governments of the countries of the LCBC affected by the heinous activities of the Boko Haram terrorist group;
3. **Commend** the AU Commission for the continued support to the LCBC and activities of the MNJTF, including from the Crisis Reserve Facility of the AU Peace Fund, and for providing additional equipment to the MNJTF from the Continental Logistics Base, which will significantly assist the MNJTF to more effectively deliver on its mandate;

4. **Express appreciation** to all partners that have continued to support the efforts of the AU Commission and those of the LCBC and the MNJTF, particularly the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
5. **Note** that despite the sustained efforts being deployed by the LCBC and MNJTF, Boko Haram remains an existential threat to peace and security in the Lake Chad Basin and the wider region; and **condemns** all acts of violence perpetrated by the terrorist group;
6. **Requests** the AU Commission to enhance its support to and collaboration with the LCBC in the implementation of the revised Five-Year RS-SRR; **also requests** the AU Commission to continue supporting the MNJTF in its operations to consolidate and sustain the gains made thus far against the Boko Haram terrorist group; and **stress the need** to strengthen resource mobilization efforts to ensure sustainable, predictable and adequate funding to support the MNJTF;
7. **Also requests** the AU Commission and international partners to support MNJTF with modern knowledge and equipment relevant to Boko Haram Terrorists' current capabilities, including modern drone detection and jamming equipment, combat and reconnaissance drones, combat boats, armored vehicles, and demining equipment;
8. **Take note and endorse** the AU Commission's recommendations for Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, which fulfill the requirements to provide Level 3 medical services, to provide medical services to MNJTF troops;
9. **Pay tributes** to the MNJTF Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) for their continued sacrifices and dedication; **pay particular tributes** to the personnel that have paid the ultimate price; **express heartfelt condolences** to the families and Governments of the deceased; **wishes speedy recovery** to all those who have sustained injuries from the Boko Haram attacks; and **calls** for post-trauma and psycho-social support to all victims of Boko Haram;
10. **Commend** the MNJTF Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) for their sacrifices; **take note with deep concern** of the withdrawal of the Republic of Niger from TCCs and its impact on the operations of the MNJTF; and **encourage** the remaining Members of the MNJTF to maintain internal cohesion, integrity and unity of purpose in the fight against Boko Haram in order to preserve the current momentum and the gains achieved thus far;
11. **Underlined the importance** of inclusive and holistic recovery and stabilization approaches that mainstream the role of women and youth, as well as all other critical stakeholders, to prevent relapses; and
12. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.