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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1288th meeting held on 4 July 2025 on Consideration of the AU Commission Report on Elections held in Africa for the period January to June 2025.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG); the OAU/AU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections and the Guidelines for AU Electoral Observation and Monitoring Missions;

Also recalling the AU Constitutive Act and Article 3 (f) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC; as well as all previous decisions and pronouncements on elections in Africa, particularly Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1255 (2025)] adopted at its 1255th meeting held on 24 January 2025;

Taking note of the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the AU and PSC Chairperson for July 2025; and the Presentation by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, of the AU Commission Report on Elections in Africa for the period January to June 2025;

Also taking note of the presentation by the Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, of the Africa Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT); as well as the statements by the Representatives of the Republic of Burundi; the Union of Comoros and the Gabonese Republic; and

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

1. **Adopts** the Report of the Chairperson of the AU Commission on Elections organized in Africa during the period January to June 2025 and the outlook for the elections to be organized during the second half of 2025;
2. **Congratulates** all AU Member States that organized their elections during the period, namely, the Republic of Burundi, the Union of the Comoros; and the Gabonese Republic and **encourages** them to implement the relevant recommendations of the AU Election Observation Missions in order to improve future electoral processes;
3. **Expresses deep appreciation** to the African leadership and personalities who led the AU Election Observer Missions to Member States that organized elections during the period under review for their professionalism and integrity;
4. **Commends** the progress being registered by Member States in deepening and consolidating participatory democracy and in upholding constitutionalism, including through regular organization of credible and transparent electoral processes;
5. **Emphasizes the need** for Member States to link democracy and socio economic activities with a view to enhance the livelihood of the citizens;

6. **Also commends** Member States for the increased use of domestic financial resources to finance their electoral processes, which enhances national ownership and reduces the vulnerabilities associated with dependence on external sources of funding for electoral processes;
7. **Further commends** the AU Commission, for the continued provision of technical support to electoral processes in Member States and for the deployment of election observation missions;
8. **Looks forward** to the successful organization of a constitutional referendum and, subsequently, presidential and legislative elections by the Republic of Guinea scheduled to take place, respectively, on 21 September 2025 and in December 2025, which will potentially pave the way for the restoration of constitutional order;
9. **Requests** the AU Commission to continue constructive engagements with the authorities of Member States in political transition;
10. **Reiterates the appeal** to the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to allocate adequate financial resources to support election-related activities of the AU Commission in order to enable it to more effectively and efficiently fulfil its mandate of supporting electoral processes in the Member States, including through the provision of technical assistance and the deployment of AU Election Observation Missions;
11. **Encourages** the AU Commission to continue deploying preventive diplomacy missions alongside the AU Election Observation Missions and to also continue enhancing closer synergies between Member States, RECs/RMs, and other AU Organs to ensure seamless deployment and conduct of AU Election Observation Missions;
12. **Also encourages** all State Parties to fully comply with the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) and calls upon Member States that have not yet done so to expedite the signature and ratification of the ACDEG; and also encourages all Member States to invite AU Election Observation Missions;
13. **Further encourages** Member States that will be organizing elections in the second half of 2025, namely: Malawi; Guinea; Seychelles; Gabon; Egypt; Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Tanzania; Guinea Bissau; and Central African Republic to do so in accordance with the national legal frameworks and the relevant regional, continental and international standards in pursuit of inclusive-participatory democracy and transparency; as well as to extend invitations to the AU Electoral Observation Missions, and to use local legal channels for addressing any election-related disputes that may arise;
14. **Underlines the need** for further strengthening the Continental Early Warning System in order to monitor electoral processes in Member States with a view to further enhancing the capacity of the Council to prevent election related conflicts and crisis situations;
15. **Encourages** the media and civil society organizations to continue playing a constructive role in ensuring credibility and integrity of elections in Member States and to refrain from inflaming election-related challenges and inciting violence;
16. **Welcomes**, with appreciation, the support provided by AU Member States in building the capacity of the AU Election Observers on elections and democracy, including the 4th Annual Specialized Training for Short-Term AU Election Observers, that took place in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, from 22 to 25 April 2025; and **appeals** to all AU Member States in a position to do so, and

the International Community to partner with the Commission in training election observers on the continent;

17. **Reiterates** the AU Zero tolerance for any forms of unconstitutional changes of government; **underscores the importance** of promoting a culture of peaceful transfers of power in Member States;

18. **Once again, welcomes** the establishment of the African Facility for Supporting Inclusive Transition as a joint AU-UNDP mechanism for providing support to Member States undergoing political transitions; **supports** current and evolving AFSIT priorities; and **welcomes** the development of the Africa Transition Index (ATI) as a tool for informing regular transition-related update briefings to Council;

19. **Requests** AFSIT to continue to support the ongoing transition process in Guinea, including through the provision of technical assistance to the Transitional Institutions and the promotion of civic education; effective participation of women and youth in the transition process;

20. **Also requests** AFSIT to continue supporting the Gabonese Republic during the post-electoral process to further strengthen the capacity and resilience of state institutions;

21. **Further requests** AFSIT to also enhance its technical support to Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Sudan with a view to facilitating expedited transition processes in these sisterly Member States; and

22. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.