

Chair's Summary on Peace and Security

- We acknowledge the **significant progress** made by the AU, the RECs and member states in the establishment of the APSA. We also acknowledge the significant support by international partners and call for its continuation and enhancement.
- We call for more systematic cooperation between AU, RECs, and development partners in line with the principles of the Paris Declaration.
- The Forum recognizes the importance of regional cooperation and integration, in order to strengthen confidence and promote economic relations that benefit all countries.
- The Forum recognizes the importance of **sufficient and predictable funding** for African-led Peace Support Operations and stresses the importance of finding lasting solutions for quickly available and long-term funding, including the establishment of a **new complementary Peace Facility**.
- The APF also recommends that options, such as the funding of African-led PSOs undertaken with UN Security Council (UNSC) consent from the **UN assessed contributions**, be considered, as requested by the AU Summit in January 2007.
- The Forum stressed the interlinkages between peace and security and the wider area of governance.
- Participants emphasized the need for **capacity building** programmes in and with both the African Union and regional organisations (RECs).
- Efforts on **capacity building** should include enhancing resources for prevention and resolution of conflict, as well as for the civilian dimension of PSOs.

- **Illegal exploitation of and illicit trade in natural resources** have often contributed to instability and sometimes violent conflict in the continent.
- We call for arrangements to promote **corporate social responsibility** for companies operating on the local, national, and international level.
- Many states lack the legislation and the mechanisms to prevent, control and eradicate the illicit trade in **small arms and light weapons**.
- We call on all governments to fully implement their **existing commitments** in this field (UN PoA and relevant African and international instruments), and we also call on them to enhance cooperation between African governments and the G8.
- The Forum underlines the special role of **women and children** in the context of conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding and notes the special vulnerability of children.
- We call for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in this regard.
- We highlight the need for quickly available and sustainable post-conflict **reconstruction and development support** by the international community in the transitional phase after a peace agreement has been reached to help bridge the gap between peacekeeping and peacebuilding.
- We call on enhanced cooperation between the AU and the UN Peacebuilding Commission.
- The Forum acknowledges the importance of effective Disarmament, Demobilization and Integration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (SSR) programmes, and calls for greater international support.
- Participants noted the relationship between the fields of peace and security and terrorism, and the need to include this on the Partnership agenda in the future.