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Special Rules of Procedure for the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (PSC-AU)

1. Representatives

Representations will be composed by pairs; that is, each country will be represented by two delegates from the same delegation.

2. Debates

2.1. In the PSC-AU, the discussions will be conducted in a moderated caucus format, in which delegates who would like to have the floor must raise their placards, and will be recognized by the chair at its judgement.

2.2. There is the possibility of raising a motion for consultations, which works in the same way as an unmoderated caucus, with the same effects.

2.3. The order of precedence of motions in the PSC-AU will be as follows:

- 2.3.1. Motion for adjournment of the session;
- 2.3.2. Motion for consultations;
- 2.3.3. Motion for the closure of debate;
- 2.3.4. Motion for the introduction of draft *Communiqué*;
- 2.3.5. Motion for the introduction of amendment;
- 2.3.6. Motion for division of the question;
- 2.3.7. Motion for roll call voting.

3. Participation in the PSC-UA deliberations

If any member of the Council wishes to invite an individual or representative of an organization or government to participate (without voting on substantive issues) of Council deliberations, he or she must submit a written request to the Chair. The Chair will ask if any member of the Council opposes the invitation. If there are no objections, the invitation will be issued.

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4. Final Document

- 4.1. In the PSC-AU, the final document should be a *Communiqué* for the Assembly of African Union, which explains the agreements, resolutions and decisions to be made on the subject covered.
- 4.2. The introduction of draft *Communiqués* requires at least five signatories.
- 4.3. A model of *Communiqué* is attached to the rules.

5. Voting procedures in substantive matters

5.1. Voting rights

- 5.1.1. Each representation of PSC-AU has the right to one single vote per matter. That means that both delegates representing the same country must come to a consensus before voting.
- 5.2. Substantive matters, herein defined as draft *Communiqués*, amendments and division of the question, will only be approved by consensus.
- 5.3. Voting procedures for substantive matters will be conducted by placards. The Chair will ask for delegates that are opposed to the matter. If any member opposes to it, the matter will not be approved.
- 5.4. If more than one third of the quorum abstains from voting, the document will not be approved.

6. Amendments

- 6.1. Amendments proposed by all signatories of a draft *Communiqué* will be considered friendly and automatically accepted by the Chair.
- 6.2. Amendments proposed on the part of the signatory will be considered unfriendly and require the standard procedure of consensus for approval.
- 6.3. For the introduction of an amendment, at least three signatories will be required.

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Annexes

Annex 1 – Model of *Communiqué*

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 416th meeting held on 29 January 2014, adopted the following decision on the situation in Egypt:

Council,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the AU High-Level Panel for Egypt [PSC/AHG/4(CDXVI)], as well as of the statement made by the representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
2. *Recalls* its earlier communiqués and press statements on the situation in Egypt, namely communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.(CCCLXXXIV) adopted at its 384th meeting held on 5 July 2013, press statement PSC/MIN/BR.2(CCCLXXXVII) adopted at its 387th meeting held at the ministerial level on 29 July 2013, press statement PSC/PR/BR.(CCCXC) adopted at its 390th meeting held on 16 August 2013, and press statement PSC/PR/BR.(CCCXCCV) adopted at its 395th meeting held on 13 September 2013;
3. *Reiterates* Africa's solidarity with the people of Egypt, whose aspirations to democracy, the rule of law and well-being are fully consistent with the relevant AU instruments. Council *further reiterates* AU's commitment, in line with its duty and responsibility towards all its Member States, to assist Egypt in overcoming the challenges confronting it in the spirit of Pan-Africanism and the search for African solutions to African problems;
4. *Commends* the Chairperson of the Commission for the steps taken to follow up on its communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.(CCCLXXXIV), notably the swift establishment of the High-Level Panel for Egypt. Council *also commends* the Panel and its members, namely former President Alpha Oumar Konaré, former President Festus Mogae and former Prime Minister Dileita Mohamed Dileita, for their commitment and efforts in the discharge of their mandate;
5. *Notes* the interactions that the Panel had with the Egyptian interim authorities and other stakeholders, as well as with relevant international actors, as reflected in the Panel's report;
6. *Further notes* the steps taken by the interim authorities in the implementation of the Roadmap for the transition that they outlined on 3 July 2013, notably the adoption of a new Constitution, through a referendum held on 14 and 15 January 2014, and the decision to hold presidential elections, to be followed by legislative elections, within a period of 60 days, as well as the other developments that took place in the country over the past few months;
7. *Urges* the interim authorities to ensure the broadest possible participation in the forthcoming elections and their holding in the required conditions of freedom, fairness and transparency, in line with the relevant AU instruments, notably the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance. In this respect, Council *requests* the Commission to engage the interim Egyptian authorities on how best the AU can monitor and observe the electoral process on the basis of the applicable AU instruments, including the dispatching of long and short term observer missions;
8. *Looks forward* to the early completion of the process to restore constitutional order in Egypt and *expresses its readiness*, in line with the relevant AU instruments, to take the required decisions in this respect, on the basis of a report to be submitted to Council by the High-Level Panel;
9. *Reiterates* AU's conviction on the need for reconciliation among all Egyptian stakeholders to

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address, in a sustainable manner, the multidimensional challenges facing their country and their underlying causes. In this respect, Council *reiterates its appeal* to all Egyptian stakeholders to reject violence, as well as its strong condemnation of all acts of terrorism, which cannot be justified under any circumstances. Council *also stresses* the imperative of respect for human rights and the rule of law, in line with the relevant AU instruments;

10. *Expresses its full support* to the High-Level Panel for Egypt and *requests* it to actively pursue the implementation of its mandate, *thanks* the Egyptian interim authorities for facilitating the two visits undertaken to date by the Panel to Egypt and for the full cooperation they extended on the ground, and *looks forward* to the continuation of this cooperation to enable the Panel to undertake, as it deems necessary, further assessment and consultation missions to Egypt to monitor progress towards the restoration of constitutional order and to report accordingly to Council;

11. *Requests* the High-Level Panel to prepare and submit to it, in due course, a final report on the implementation of its mandate, including a comprehensive assessment of the situation, the efforts undertaken by the AU and the challenges encountered, as well as recommendations on how best the AU can enhance the effectiveness of its response to similar situations in the future;

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

(Signatory countries)

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