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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 9633rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 May 2024, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Maintenance of international peace and security", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reiterates its primary responsibility under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security, and recalls that cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations in matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security consistent with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations can improve collective security.

"The Security Council commends the contribution made by African States, the African Union (AU) and sub-regional organizations, in addressing complex security challenges in Africa and beyond, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, the Constitutive Act of the AU, and the relevant statutes of regional and sub-regional organizations.

"The Security Council commends efforts and progress made in preventing and resolving conflicts on the continent, as well as in preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism in accordance with international law.

"The Security Council welcomes the Peacebuilding Commission's readiness to offer its expertise in laying the groundwork for post-conflicts transitions and durable solutions as a contribution to African countries. The Security Council also underlines the importance of focusing on early warning systems, strengthening the role of women in peace and security, promoting good governance, and tackling root causes like poverty and inequality.

"The Security Council recognizes the critical role that youth can play in building a brighter future for the continent and encourages all stakeholders to support their inclusion and empowerment. It notes that investing in education, skills development, social economic development, employment, technological innovation and youth-led initiatives can empower this generation to become active participants in peacebuilding efforts and contribute meaningfully to a more secure and prosperous Africa.

"The Security Council expresses support for progress in enhancing the role and representation of African States in global governance and decision-making processes.



“The Security Council reiterates its support for the goals set out in the African Union’s (AU) Agenda 2063 and encourages global partnerships to accelerate its implementation and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the AU flagship initiative on Silencing the Guns in Africa and the African Continental Free Trade Area.

“The Security Council reaffirms that development, peace and security are interlinked and mutually reinforcing and underscores the relationship between the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the AU’s Agenda 2063 acknowledging the need for a comprehensive and integrated approach to sustaining peace.

“The Security Council underlines the importance of supporting socio-economic development for sustaining peace in Africa through economic development including through transnational and trans-regional infrastructure development, industrialization, poverty eradication, job creation, agricultural modernization and promotion of entrepreneurship, and expresses the need for continued support to African countries taking into account their national priorities and needs. In this regard, the Security Council also underscores the importance of the rule of law in support of socio-economic development. The Security Council also notes the AU Policy on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development highlights the need for undertaking comprehensive institution-building to enhance good economic governance through the reinforcement of fiscal and financial management institutions in support of effective revenue collection, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and anticorruption structures to ensure accountability and transparency.

“The Security Council reaffirms the importance of full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women and inclusion of youth in conflict prevention and resolution and peacebuilding.

“The Security Council welcomes the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) and recognizes its contributions to the maintenance of international peace and security on the continent and in enabling effective global governance through the implementation of the AU Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the AU Governance Architecture (AGA), that is premised in the interlinkage between political, security, development, humanitarian, human rights and rule of law activities.

“The Security Council reiterates its support for the role of the AU and sub-regional organizations in promoting peace and security on the continent and reiterates its readiness to consider appropriate support, including to African Union-led Peace Support Operations through the implementation of Security Council resolution [2719 \(2023\)](#), on a case-by-case basis.

“The Security Council expresses its readiness to strengthen its cooperation with the AU, in particular the AUPSC and calls on the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) to expedite work on the details on joint planning guidelines for the implementation of resolution [2719 \(2023\)](#) to African Union-led Peace Support Operations, for consideration by the competent bodies of the AU and United Nations.

“The Security Council recalls its request to the Secretary-General, to provide the Security Council an annual update on progress as set out in Security Council resolution [2719 \(2023\)](#), and recommends the update be provided ahead of the Annual Joint Consultative Meeting, in tandem with the reporting commitments outlined in the framework resolution.

“The Security Council calls on international community to honour their respective commitments regarding financing for development and support the strengthening of the capabilities of African States to seize the opportunities for a proactive engagement with the wider world and advance African ownership of international peace, security and development efforts.
