JOINT STATEMENT

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) AND THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION (PBC)

ADDIS ABABA, 17 NOVEMBER 2025

1. On 17 November 2025, the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) and members of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UN PBC) convened their 8th Annual Consultative Meeting in Addis Ababa, reaffirming their commitment to strengthening cooperation in peacebuilding efforts across Africa. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon and Chair of the AU PSC for November 2025, and H.E. Ambassador Ricklef Beutin, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, Chair of the UN PBC.

2. Participants welcomed the remarks and statements delivered by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, and Mr. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union.

3. The co-chairs welcomed all participants and highlighted the importance of continuous dialogue and collaboration in advancing peacebuilding and sustaining peace across the continent. The opening remarks by the co-chairs underscored the shared commitment to support national ownership, regional cooperation, empowering women, and engagement of youth and the role of local communities in building and sustaining peace in Africa.

4. Participants reviewed the progress made since the 7th Meeting in 2024, acknowledging the achievements and addressing challenges in implementing previously agreed outcomes. The collaborative efforts towards peacebuilding in Africa, including operationalizing the outcomes of past meetings, were recognized as integral to joint success.

5. The AU PSC and members of the UN PBC commended the African Union Commission for successfully organizing activities marking the 5th edition of the PCRD Awareness Week. They underscored that the AU annual PCRD commemoration promotes greater understanding and visibility of peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction issues and activities across the continent. They recognized that the Awareness Week is a critical platform for mobilizing enhanced political commitment, financial investment, and technical support towards the rebuilding and strengthening of national and local institutions during post-conflict recovery phases.

6. Acknowledging the progress made by African States in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, as well as the engagement in the dialogue with the UN PBC, the AU PSC, and members of the UN PBC committed to a strengthened partnership, emphasizing the need for concrete actions in peacebuilding initiatives.

7. The AU PSC and members of the UN PBC welcomed the efforts of Egypt and Slovenia in co-facilitating the 2025 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture and are looking forward to its outcome.

8. The AU PSC and the UN PBC jointly underscored the importance of financing for peacebuilding. They recognized that financing for peacebuilding remains a critical challenge, and recalled relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this matter. They acknowledged that voluntary contributions should remain the primary source of funding, while noting that the provision of assessed contributions to financing for peacebuilding represents a shared commitment of Member States to peacebuilding.

9. The AU PSC and members of the UN PBC commended the AU for launching the inaugural peacebuilding initiatives under Window II of the AU Peace Fund. They particularly welcomed the implementation of Quick Impact Projects and Institutional Capacity Building, underscoring that these initiatives reflect the shared commitment to prevent conflict and advance sustainable development and resilient peace across the African continent.

10. The AU PSC and UN PBC reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda, while noting the 25th Anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000). Again, they underscored the importance of enhancing collaboration between FemWise -Africa and the Peacebuilding Commission's Gender Strategy, with the aim of fostering full, equal and meaningful participation of women in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, mediation, and post-conflict recovery efforts.

11. The AU PSC and members of the UN PBC underscored the important role of youth and their integration into peacebuilding processes to promote inclusive and sustainable peace in Africa, thereby supporting sustainable development and ensuring their meaningful representation across the continent. They particularly emphasized the active participation of youth in the public affairs of their countries, meaningful integration into mediation processes, decision-making processes, and post-agreement follow-up efforts, as important tools for achieving inclusive and lasting peace. They particularly underscored targeted capacity-building programs designed to equip youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to contribute effectively in peacebuilding activities across the continent. They underlined the importance of national ownership, leadership, and ensuring that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account.

12. The AU PSC and members of the UNPBC specifically recognized peacebuilding initiatives in key countries and regions, notably in South Sudan, the Sahel Region and the Lake Chad Basin, and they highlighted that addressing root causes and drivers of conflicts, promoting regional cooperation, and strengthening resilience, state institutions and effective governance systems is key to achieve durable stability in these regions.

13. They stressed the importance of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Programs in the peace process in the DRC, and urged the United Nations, the African Union as well as other partners, including the private sector, to effectively support the various projects within the framework of P-DDRCS (DDCSS -P) in favor of youth, based on their needs and perspectives, and respect for national ownership and leadership, to actively contribute to peacebuilding in the eastern DRC.

14. They expressed appreciation for the sustained efforts of the AU, the UN, and partners, emphasizing the importance of coordinated and comprehensive approaches to peacebuilding in Africa based on national ownership, continental leadership, and the priorities and needs of communities.

15. The AU PSC and members of the UN PBC underscored the need to regularize the sharing of outcomes of their annual joint meetings to strengthen coordination and collaboration on peacebuilding efforts in Africa and enhance the working methods for the conduct of their annual consultative meetings They noted the importance of enhancing coordination between the AUC PCRD and the UN PBSO, noting with satisfaction the appointment of focal points from both sides to deepen collaboration and information exchange. Furthermore, they commended the AU Centre for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development for its instrumental role in advancing the PCRD agenda on the continent.

16. The AUPSC and the members of the UNPBC acknowledged their common goal towards peacebuilding and sustaining peace. They recommitted to continue to strengthen their coordination and joint engagement, as appropriate, guided by the relevant provisions of the Joint UN-AU Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security (2007), the AU-UN Framework for the Implementation of Agenda 2063, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2018), and the AU-UN Framework Agreement on Human Rights (2023).

17. The AUPSC and the UNPBC emphasized the necessity of maintaining regular high-level engagements between the AU and the United Nations to enhance coherence across initiatives. They underscored the need to improve cooperation and coordination in peacebuilding to increase synergies and ensure the coherence and complementarity of such efforts, as noted in UNGA resolution 79/329. They further encouraged the systematic follow-up of recommendations arising from previous joint meetings.

18. The AUPSC and members of the UNPBC concluded the joint meeting with a shared commitment to enhance this partnership, with the next meeting scheduled for 2026 in New York.

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