

RESOLUTION ON THE PROMOTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA

CONSIDERING Article 3 (1), (2) and (5) of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Pan-African Parliament **which** provides that the Pan-African Parliament:

- facilitates the effective implementation of the policies and objectives of the African Union;
- promote the principles of human rights and democracy in Africa;
- **promote peace, security and stability;**

IN ACCORDANCE with Rule 5 (c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament **which** provides that the PAP examines, discusses or expresses an opinion or gives advice on its own initiative or at the request of any of the Organs of the African Union, a Regional Economic Community or the Legislative Body of any Member State;

CONCERNED by the deteriorating peace and security situation in Africa, which has resulted, over the recent years, in increased threats to human security loss of the lives of millions of fellow Africans and deplorable and inhuman conditions particularly of women and children;

RECOGNISING that the African continent has a long history of armed conflicts, which are both intra and inter-state in nature;

EXPRESSING CONCERN over the peace and stability posed by outbreaks of fresh violent conflicts, terrorism and extremism acts on the continent and the negative role of external forces in African conflicts;

PAYING TRIBUTE to the progress made by African countries in the reduction of inter-State conflicts and organization of democratic elections on the continent these past years;

ACKNOWLEDGING Rule 5 (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament provides that the PAP shall have the powers to make recommendations and take resolutions on any matters relating to the African Union and its organs, Regional Economic Communities and their respective organs, Member States and their organs and institutions;

The Pan-African Parliament hereby resolves that:

1. The African Union, its Organs and the Regional Economic Communities should strengthen mechanisms to promote peace and security in order to facilitate integration of the continent, learning from the experience of the United Nations.
2. The African Union reinforces its Continental Early Warning Mechanism to effectively anticipate and prevent conflicts and to timely predict and trigger safeguard measures against natural disasters and tribal conflicts and wars.
3. In collaboration with the Africa Council of Political Parties, the African Union Peace and Security Council and the AU Economic, Social and Cultural Council encourage and establish mechanisms to advance both national political dialogues (among political parties) and community dialogues (among civil society organizations) in all African countries, by:
 - a. Organizing periodical national African-to-African conferences involving participants from African political parties, civil society, traditional and religious organizations and leaders;
 - b. Organizing and disseminating education and media programmes that foster the culture of peace, tolerance and denunciation, drawing inspiration from the experience of South Africa and other African countries.
4. The African Union budget more funds to finance conflict resolution and peace building operations in Africa by requesting for contributions from African countries to reduce the over-reliance on external funding that comes with conditions.

5. The African Union establish an African centre for conflict and arbitration focusing on providing, training and capacity building on Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms in the five sub-regions of Africa under the oversight of the African Court on Human and People's Rights.
6. The African Union along with the Regional Economic Communities co-ordinate their actions and strategies aimed at the Pan-African economic and political integration with the ultimate objective of attaining the African Unity dreams of the founding fathers.
7. Member states respect the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states as provided for in the Constitutive Act of the African Union.

Midrand, 15 October 2015