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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
62<sup>nd</sup> MEETING  
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ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**PSC/PR/Comm(LXII)**

**COMMUNIQUE**

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 62<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE  
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 13 September 2006, adopted the following decision on the deployment plan of the IGAD Peace Support Mission to Somalia (IGASOM):

**Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Military Staff Committee on the deployment plan of IGASOM, as well as the briefings by the Ambassador of Kenya, representing the Chairman of IGAD, and the Ambassador of Somalia;
2. **Welcomes** the Communiqué adopted by the Extraordinary Summit of IGAD held in Nairobi, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006;
3. **Welcomes also** the outcome of the second round of peace talks held in Khartoum, between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), facilitated by the League of Arab States (LAS), which concluded with the adoption of a Final Communiqué by the two parties on 4 September 2006. Council **reiterates** its full support for the dialogue among Somali parties and **encourages** them to pursue their efforts, based on the Transitional Federal Charter of Somalia;
4. **Reiterates** its commitment to the unity, the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Somalia;
5. **Recalls** its previous decisions on the deployment of the IGAD peace support mission in Somalia (IGASOM);
6. **Decides** to approve the deployment plan of IGASOM, as reviewed by the Military Staff Committee. In this respect, IGASOM will undertake the tasks aimed at providing security support for the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs), institutional capacity building and creating conducive conditions for dialogue and reconciliation in Somalia;
7. **Stresses** the need for creating the most propitious political conditions for the deployment of IGASOM and securing necessary financial and logistical support for the deployment of the Mission;
8. **Requests** the Commission, working closely with IGAD, to take all necessary steps, including consultations with the European Union (EU) and other partners, in order to mobilize the required funding and logistical support for the deployment of IGASOM in Somalia as soon as possible;

9. **Reiterates** its request to the UN Security Council to provide an exemption to the arms embargo imposed on Somalia by Resolution 733(1992) of 23 January 1992 and in this respect, **encourages** IGAD, with the support of the AU, to engage the UN Security Council;
10. **Appeals** to the AU Member States and the larger international community to provide support and assistance to the war affected and long suffering people of Somalia; Council **also urges** them to extend their full support to the efforts aimed at forging peace and reconciliation in Somalia within the framework of the unity and sovereignty of this country.
11. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.