

1. *Invites* the African Union to provide the Security Council and the Secretary General with a detailed report within six months of the adoption of this resolution on its efforts to strengthen financing, human rights protections, accountability, transparency, performance, and conduct and discipline standards, and compliance with applicable international law, including international human rights law and international humanitarian law, across its peace support operations, as well as on how it can deepen cooperation with the United Nations in these areas; and *requests* the Secretary General to, within 90 days of receipt of this report, provide to the Security Council a detailed report assessing the African Union's progress in these areas, determining if future African Union-led peace support operations can be expected to meet equivalent standards to UN peacekeeping operations in these areas;;

2. *Expresses its intention* that, following the reports in paragraph 1, the Security Council will consider and determine no later than December 1, 2019 whether it will provide financial support through United Nations assessed contributions, on a case by case basis and for a period of up to one year, to future African Union led peace support operations authorized by the Security Council and utilized by the Security Council in accordance with Article 53(1) of the United Nations Charter;

3. *Emphasizes* that the Security Council will have primacy over planning, development, mandating, oversight, and accountability of any African Union peace support operation receiving financial support through UN assessed contributions, including operational details involving force commanders and the selection of troop- and police-contributing countries;

4. *Underscores* that support from United Nations assessed contributions, consistent with paragraphs 2 and 3, will be capped at a ceiling of 75-percent of the overall cost of each distinct African Union peace support operation, and that the African Union will provide at least 25-percent of the overall cost of any such peace support operation, and *further underscores* that the Security Council will only consider providing financial support through United Nations assessed contributions for peace support operations for which the African Union has demonstrated the sustainable ability to fund 25-percent of the overall cost;

5. *Stresses* that the African Union's failure to fund 25-percent of the total cost of any African Union peace support operation described in paragraph 2 will trigger Security Council procedures to review its utilization and support of that peace support operation;

6. *Underscores* that when considering whether to utilize an African Union-led peace support operation, the Security Council will consider whether there is a demonstrable comparative advantage to an African Union-led peace support operation in terms of cost and capabilities as compared to a United Nations peacekeeping operation equivalent at time of planned deployment;

7. *Emphasizes* it will only consider providing financial support through UN assessed contributions to future African Union-led peace support operations and that existing African Union peace support operations or African Union mandated or authorized peace support operations that are not led by the African Union, but by a subregional organization or African Union Member State(s), will not be eligible for consideration ;

8. *Affirms* that in order to ensure transparency and accountability, budgets for future African Union-led peace support operations that receive financial support through United Nations assessed contributions must be submitted to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly for approval and be subject to external audits and evaluations, in line with existing United Nations procedures for United Nations peacekeeping operations;

9. *Underscores* the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation between United Nations and the African Union on issues of accountability, including pertaining to applicable international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as well as acting consistent with United Nations standards of conduct and discipline pertaining to military, police and civilian personnel in African Union-led peace support operations utilized by the Security Council, including the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy, and with UN conduct and discipline frameworks including the UN Zero Tolerance Policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and *invites* the African Union to report annually to the Security Council on its efforts to strengthen human rights protections, compliance with applicable international human rights law and international humanitarian law, accountability, transparency, performance, and conduct and discipline standards across its peace support operations, as well as on how it can enhance cooperation with the United Nations in these areas;

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of the African Union and its Member States financing its peace operations in a manner consistent with its international obligations;

11. *Expresses its intention* to review any potential determination by the Security Council to provide financial support through United Nations assessed contributions to African Union-led peace support operations, two years after such a determination has been made, to include consideration of whether to discontinue such support;