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CONCLUSIONS OF THE DONORS' CONFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN-LED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT MISSION IN MALI AND THE MALIAN DEFENSE AND SECURITY FORCES

1. At its 341st meeting held on 13 November 2012, the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) requested the Chairperson of the Commission, in close consultation with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN), to contribute actively towards the mobilization of adequate support for the Malian Defense and Security Forces, especially through the speedy organisation of a donors' conference. The PSC reiterated its appeal to the international community, including regional and international organisations, to give the necessary support to the Malian Defense and Security Forces, in conformity with the relevant provisions of resolution 2071 (2012), and urged the UN Security Council to establish a Trust Fund to this effect.
2. In resolution 2085 (2012), adopted on 20 December 2012, the UN Security Council requested the Secretary-General to establish a Trust Fund through which Member States can provide earmarked and/or non-earmarked financial support to the African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA), and/or to the training and equipping of Malian Defense and Security Forces (MDSF). The UN Security Council also requested the Secretary-General to support, in coordination with the AU and ECOWAS, the holding of a donor's conference to solicit contribution to this Trust Fund as soon as possible, and called upon Member States to contribute generously and promptly to the Trust Fund.
3. It is in this context that the AU, in close consultation with ECOWAS, convened the donors' conference for AFISMA and the MDSF in Addis Ababa, on 29 January 2013. The conference was chaired by Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, Chairperson of the Union. The opening ceremony was marked by statements delivered by the Chairperson of the Union, the Chairperson of the AU Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, and the Chairman of the ECOWAS, President Alassane Dramane Ouattara.
4. The Presidents of Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, as well as several Ministers and other senior representatives of AU Member States attended the conference. Also in attendance were representatives of partner countries and institutions, including Ministers and other senior representatives.
5. The conference provided an opportunity for the international community to further demonstrate its support to Mali and resolve to assist in the early resolution of the crisis facing that country. In this respect, participants to the conference made financial and in-kind pledges in support of AFISMA and the MDSF, as well as humanitarian assistance. Pledges made amount to US\$455 million. Contributions in training, equipment and other forms of assistance, such as weapon systems and ammunition for MDSF have also been

pledged. Further, an important contribution in fuel to be used by all forces deployed in Mali was made. All these different contributions are to be quantified.

6. The participants agreed to continue to work together to mobilize further resources for AFISMA and the MDSF, as well as for humanitarian assistance. They look forward to receiving updated information on AFISMA's requirements, in light of the planned upward adjustment of the strength of the Mission, as per the AU PSC of 25 January 2013.

7. The participants welcomed the growing international mobilization for Mali, and called for continued and enhanced support for that country, as well as for concerted efforts to address the multi-faceted challenges facing the Sahel region.

8. The participants welcomed the progress made in Mali towards building a nationwide consensus on the way forward, in particular the adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Transition Roadmap. They look forward to the early endorsement of this Roadmap by the National Assembly. They encouraged the Malian stakeholders to pursue and intensify their efforts.

9. The participants look forward to the third meeting of the Support and Follow-up Group on the Situation in Mali, scheduled to take place in Brussels, on 5 February 2013.

10. The participants urged all concerned to urgently materialize their pledges, and encouraged the AU Commission, in collaboration with ECOWAS, as well as the UN Secretary-General to actively follow up on the pledges made.