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**PREPARATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS FOR THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, SAFETY AND SECURITY.**

**9 – 10 MAY 2023, NELSON MANDELA HALL, AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1: 9 MAY 2023**

**09:00 – 09:20**

**SESSION I – OPENING CEREMONY**

- Bureau assume their roles and responsibilities (Chairperson – Union of Comoros; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson – (Pending Member State nominations); 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Republic of Botswana; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson - Republic of Burundi; Rapporteur - Republic of Senegal)
- Minute of Silence in honour of African Peacekeepers and Victims of Violence in Africa
- Statement by the Representative of the African Union Commission
- Statement by the Representative of the Union of Comoros as Chairperson of the African Union

**09:20 - 09:30**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**09:30 – 11:00**

**SESSION II – PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION**

**11:00 - 11:30**

**TEA BREAK**

**11:30 –13:00**

**SESSION III – PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AFRICAN UNION AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND REGIONAL MECHANISMS ON THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE**

- 13:00 – 14:00** LUNCH
- 14:00 – 15:30** SESSION IV – OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP ON THE RECONCEPTUALIZATION OF THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE
- 15:30 - 16:00** TEA BREAK
- 16:00 – 17:00** SESSION V – UPDATES ON THE AFRICAN UNION COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK AND CONSIDERATION OF THE:
- DRAFT AFRICAN UNION COMPLIANCE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK,
  - DRAFT REVISED AFRICAN UNION POLICY ON PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS
  - DRAFT AFRICAN UNION POLICY ON SELECTION AND SCREENING;
- 17:00 – 17:50** UPDATES ON THE AMANI AFRICA III CONTINENTAL MARITIME EXERCISE
- 17:50 – 18:00** WRAP UP AND CLOSING
- 18:00 – 20:00** DRAFTING, TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF EXPERTS (SECRETARIAT)

**DAY 2 – 10 MAY 2022**

- 09:00 - 12:00** DRAFTING AND TRANSLATION OF THE REPORT OF EXPERTS BY THE SECRETARIAT
- 12:00 – 13:00** CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF EXPERTS
- 13:00 – 14:00** LUNCH
- 13:00 – 14:00** CLOSING