



## Joint Press Release

### **African Union Peace & Security Council to hold meeting with EU Political and Security Committee in Addis Ababa**

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On June 11, 2013 the African Union Peace & Security Council (AU PSC) and EU Political and Security Council (EU PSC) will hold its annual consultation in Addis Ababa African Union headquarters. The annual PSC to PSC meeting is expected to bring 15 African Ambassadors from the AU-PSC and their 27 EU counterparts of EUPSC.

The two councils discussion will focus on Guinea Bissau, Mali/Sahel, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and the campaign against the Lord's Resistance Army. Also on in the agenda is enhancement of the cooperation between the two PSCs.

Journalists are invited for a media briefing opportunity by Ambassador Olof Skoog, Permanent Chair of the EUPSC, current AUPSC Chair Ambassador Rachid Benlounes of Algeria and Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security about the objectives and outcome of the PSC to PSC meeting at 1:30 PM in the old AU conference hall plenary.

#### **Background**

The two continental bodies are at the heart of the decision-making processes of their respective organizations in the area of peace and security. Since 2008 the Political and Security Committee of the European Union (EUPSC) and the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AUPSC) have held Annual Joint Consultative Meetings in the context of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy. The last meeting took place in Brussels on 29 May 2012 and was co-chaired by Ambassador Olof Skoog, Permanent Chair of the EUPSC, and Ambassador Jacques-Alfred Ndoumbe Eboule of Cameroon, Chairperson of the AUPSC for the month of May 2012.

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