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268TH MEETING
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PRESS STATEMENT

PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 268TH MEETING
OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 268th meeting, held on 23 March 2011, was briefed by the Commissioner for Peace and Security on the evolution of the transition in Egypt. Council also received a statement from the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the AU.

Council welcomed the positive evolution of the situation since its 260th meeting held on 16 February, in particular the organisation, on 19 March 2011, of a constitutional referendum and the arrangements being made for the holding of presidential and legislative elections in September and October 2011.

Council encouraged the Egyptian authorities and parties to persevere in their efforts to complete the transition.

Council looks forward to the planned visit of the Chairperson of the Commission to Egypt, as well as to that of the AU Panel of the Wise, as part of the accompaniment of the efforts of the Egyptian authorities and parties.

Council agreed to meet in due course to discuss the situation in Egypt on the basis of a report of the Chairperson of the Commission and after its own planned visit to Egypt.