The African Parliamentary Union, meeting at its 43rd Conference in Djibouti on 14 and 15 October 2021,

Very concerned about the security situation in some African countries, particularly in the Sahel-Saharan countries, the countries bordering Lake Chad and those of Central and East Africa,

Highly sensitive to the suffering endured by these countries as a result of terrorist acts which strike indiscriminately at the populations and the defence and security forces, generating many displaced, deprived and homeless people,

Aware that no development programme can be implemented in a climate of insecurity,

1. Condemns, in the strongest terms, the acts perpetrated by terrorists and armed groups in the Sahel-Saharan countries, the countries bordering Lake Chad and those of Central and East Africa;

2. Expresses its unwavering support for the African populations that have fallen victim to all forms of terrorism;

3. Calls for the lifting of the arms embargo for all States, whose sole purpose is to defend the integrity of their national territory;

4. Reaffirms its conviction that access to state power is acquired through the ballot box, that the Rule of Law and good governance are guarantees of stability, foundation of sustainable development, and dialogue is the privileged way of setting political conflicts.

5. Calls on African States to strengthen their solidarity, pool their efforts and provide the populations affected by the scourge of terrorism with the protection and support they need.