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(adopted)

The African Parliamentary Union, meeting at its 38th Conference in Bissau on 5 and 6 December 2015,

Concerned by the persistent conflicts in several countries of the continent as well as terrorism, in particular the recent terrorist attacks - events which seriously threaten the peace and stability in Africa,

1. Recalls the resolutions on:

- The promotion of good governance (27th Conference, Algiers, 2004)
- Strengthening democratic governance in African countries, to achieve political, economic and social stability (35th Conference, Kigali, 2012).
- The role of parliaments in mobilizing the efforts of governments and people to end armed conflicts on the African continent (36th Conference, Libreville, 2013).
- African countries combat terrorism in all its forms, by building national capacities and promoting international cooperation in this area (37th Conference, Rabat, 2014).

2. Commits African parliaments to work toward the establishment and consolidation of the Rule of Law in Africa, promotion of free and peaceful societies, inclusive economic development and social justice;

3. Vehemently condemns all attacks and calls for the strengthening of cooperation mechanisms among countries to carry out in-depth work aimed at efficiently combatting these acts;

4. Recommends the adoption of a short-term strategy to prevent acts of terrorism, through the exchange of information, experiences, education, participation of the youth and promotion of the culture of peace, as a means of combating violence and terrorism on the continent;

5. Affirms its willingness to form a working group within the African Parliamentary Union to establish a roadmap for the promotion of peace, namely:

- a) Draft a concept note on parliamentary initiative for peace;
- b) Define the terms of reference of this initiative, especially, its scope, objectives, expected outcomes and planning of concrete action on the functioning of this mechanism;
- c) Initiate diplomatic action to support this initiative, especially with the African Union, the United Nations organization and the Security Council, as well as use any other diplomatic means for this purpose.

6. Urges parliaments to set up a mechanism to monitor this parliamentary initiative for peace;

7. Tasks the General Secretariat of the African Parliamentary Union to take steps to implement this initiative.