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DURING

THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF THE

UN-OSAA/AU/PBSO

ON

**'SUSTAINING PEACE: MECHANISMS, PARTNERSHIPS AND THE FUTURE OF
PEACEBUILDING IN AFRICA'**

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**'SUSTAINING PEACE: MECHANISMS, PARTNERSHIPS AND THE FUTURE OF
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Mr Jan Elliasson, Deputy Secretary General,

H.E Mr Sameh Shoukry, the President of the Security Council

**Mr Maged Abdelaziz, the Under- Secretary General and Special Adviser for
Africa**

Mr Oscar Fernandez Taranco, the ASG for Peace-building Support

H.E Mr Tete Antonio, The Permanent Observer of the AU to the UN

Colleagues, Ambassadors, and Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

I thank the Office of the Special Adviser for Africa (OSAA) and the Peace Building Support Office (PBSO) for organizing this crucial meeting.

This meeting is important. Because peace is important. Without peace, there is no development. And Africa needs development.

Africa has made great progress in building peace. The Africa of the 1970S/80s/90s is no more. We must acknowledge the progress we have made. Our challenge is to sustain peace. That is why this meeting is important.

The Mechanisms for African peace are known to all. They are:

- The African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) and the African Union Commission and their subsidiary mechanisms as mentioned by Minister Shoukry.
- The United Nations and the United Nations Security Council.
- Governments
- The African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other regional agencies.

- The Sub regional organizations and communities
- The PBC at the cross-roads of the mechanisms;

These mechanisms are all crucial for peace in Africa. These mechanisms must work together for peace to be sustained. We must invest in the mechanism of peace in order to succeed and development to follow.

Excellencies,

As we all know, there is no peace or development without partnerships. True partnerships begin from community level; to provincial/county levels; to national and then to international levels. True partnerships for peace are based on respect for all sectors of society, including the private sector and civil society.

The future of peace building lies in the mechanisms and the partnerships. We have the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda is clear. No Peace and Security; No development. Therefore to attain sustainable development we have to invest in peace and peace building.

The way forward to do so is contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda for Sustainable development, The Milestone resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on review of the United Nations Peace building Architecture is crucial to the mechanisms and partnerships. Just as the AU Peace and Security framework and the AU Agenda 2063 is important.

In conclusion

To achieve our ambition to attain peace we must embrace the lessons of the 3 UN Reviews on Peace Operations; the HIPPO, the AGE on Peace building Architecture and the Global Study on Security Council resolution 1325.

All the 3 reviews UN Reviews recommend the following:

First, Sustaining Peace: We need to invest in the whole continuum of the conflict cycle in all the spheres of governance, security and development.

Second, Primacy of politics: A change in mindset, away from military engagements towards prevention of conflict through horizon scanning, dialogue, mediation and accompaniment.

Third, Inclusive Peace-building: including women, youth, private sector and civil society in peace operations and peace building outreach will bring about sustainable outcomes.

Fourth, Mutual Respect: Between and within Regions, Headquarters and institutions of both the AU and the UN.

Fifth, we must find innovative, flexible and adaptable ways to finance sustaining of peace. Peace has to receive the same support as security. We need to build a peace industrial complex, just as we have a huge security industrial complex.

But peace first.

I Thank You