

Le 9 février 2007

Monsieur le Président,

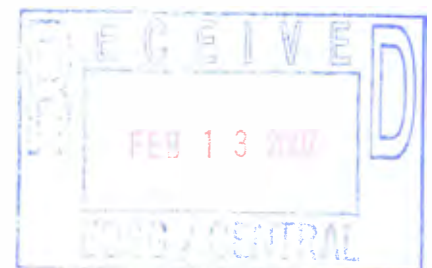
Je tiens à vous remercier de nouveau pour l'accueil chaleureux que vous m'avez réservé lors de mon premier séjour à Addis Abeba en tant que Secrétaire général des Nations Unies. J'ai énormément apprécié la discussion constructive que nous avons eue sur un certain nombre de problèmes auxquels est confronté le continent africain.

A mon retour à New York, j'ai eu le plaisir de prendre connaissance de votre lettre du 26 janvier 2007 dans laquelle vous me faites part des efforts en vue de mettre en œuvre la décision du Conseil de Paix et de Sécurité (CPS) de l'Union Africaine d'autoriser le déploiement de la Mission de l'Union africaine en Somalie (AMISOM) pour une phase initiale de stabilisation de six mois.

En réponse à votre requête concernant l'envoi par l'Organisation des Nations Unies de représentants chargés de soutenir le processus d'appui au développement d'un plan opérationnel détaillé pour AMISOM, j'ai dépêché à Addis Abeba, comme vous le savez, une petite équipe d'experts du Département du maintien de la paix et du Bureau politique des Nations Unies en Somalie (UNPOS). Ces experts évalueront ensemble l'appui nécessaire pour la planification et pour les autres besoins de l'Union Africaine.

J'ai également transmis votre lettre, ainsi que le communiqué de la 69ème Session du CPS au Conseil de sécurité. Nous espérons que des progrès significatifs seront réalisés dans le domaine politique afin de permettre le déploiement d'une opération de maintien de la paix, accepté par la majorité des Somaliens. Si ces conditions ne sont pas réunies, il faudra lors de la

Son Excellence  
Monsieur Alpha Oumar Konaré  
Président de la Commission de l'Union africaine  
Addis Abeba

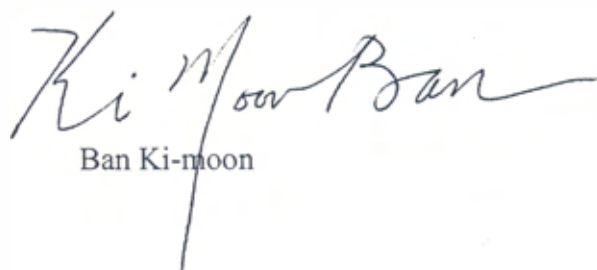


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planification du déploiement de la mission se concentrer sur une opération d'imposition de la paix. Une telle opération nécessitera des forces et du matériel différents sur le plan qualitatif. Ces effectifs et cet équipement devront être placés sous le commandement d'un Etat ayant une forte capacité militaire pour mener ladite opération.

Soyez bien assuré que les Nations Unies feront tout leur possible pour appuyer les efforts visant à instaurer une paix et une stabilité durables en Somalie.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



Ban Ki-moon

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To: Mr. Nambiar:

Please find attached a draft letter from the Secretary-General to Mr. Konaré regarding current efforts to implement the recent decision of the African Union Peace and Security Council to authorize the deployment of AMISOM for your approval.

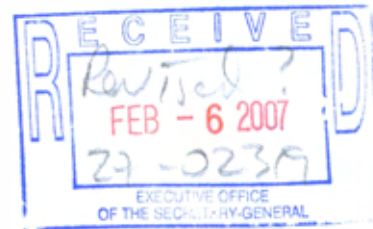


Carlos Lopes  
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Cc: Mr. Kim Won-soo


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**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPLY TO MR. KONARE REGARDING SOMALIA**

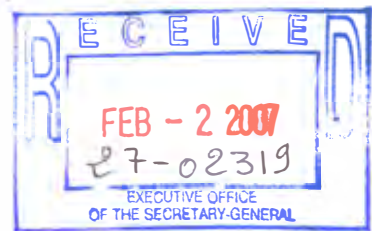
Please find attached, for the approval/signature of the Secretary-General, a letter to AU Chairperson Alpha Oumar Konaré regarding current efforts to implement the recent decision of the African Union Peace and Security Council to authorize the deployment of AMISOM. Upon the Secretary-General's request, the letter was translated into French. It would be appreciated if you could obtain the Secretary-General's approval and signature at his earliest convenience.

  
Ibrahim A. Gambari  
5 February 2007

cc: Mr. Guéhenno

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**Note to Mr. Nambiar**



**Secretary-General's Reply to Mr. Konare regarding Somalia**

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Please find attached, for approval/signature of the Secretary-General, a letter to AU Chairperson Alpha Oumar Konaré regarding current efforts to implement the decision of the African Union Peace and Security Council to authorize the deployment of AMISOM. It would be appreciated if you could obtain the Secretary-General's approval and signature at his earliest convenience.

  
Ibrahim Gambari  
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cc: Mr. Guehenno

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## FACSIMILE MESSAGE

Date: 27 January 2007

To : Mr. Gambari, Under-Secretary-General DPA	From: Mr. Baboucarr B. I. Jagne Head, UN Liaison Office with the AU
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Cc:	Ref: UNLO/UN/AU/01/32/07
Number of Pages Including this Cover Page: 04	
Subject: <u>Letter Addressed to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the UN by His Excellency the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union on the Situation in Somalia</u>	

1. I am forwarding herewith a letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the UN His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-Moon by His Excellency the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union.

2. I should be most grateful therefore if the letter could be forwarded urgently to its distinguished Addressee. A copy of the Communiqué of the PSC on the situation in Somalia following their meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 is also attached.

3. Best regards.

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Addis Ababa, 26 January 2007

Mr. Secretary-General,

I am writing to you regarding the situation in Somalia and the ongoing efforts to promote lasting peace and reconciliation in that country.

As you may be aware, the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union met on 19 January 2007, to consider the situation in Somalia in light of the report I submitted to it and the briefings it received from representatives of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia, IGAD and the League of Arab States, as well as from your Special Representative for Somalia, Ambassador François Fall. At the end of its deliberations, the PSC adopted a communiqué (copy herewith attached) in which it, *inter alia*, decided to authorize the deployment of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), for a period of 6 months.

I would like to bring to your attention that, in taking this decision, the PSC stressed that AMISOM deployment should aim essentially at contributing to the initial stabilization phase in Somalia, with a clear understanding that the mission will evolve to a United Nations operation that will support the long-term stabilization and post-conflict reconstruction of Somalia. Accordingly, the PSC urged the United Nations Security Council to consider authorizing a United Nations operation in Somalia that would take over from AMISOM at the expiration of its 6 months mandate.

In the meantime, the PSC requested the United Nations and its Security Council to provide all the support necessary for the speedy deployment of AMISOM and the effective accomplishment of its mandate, including the review of resolution 1725 in light of the recent developments in Somalia and the provision of financial support.

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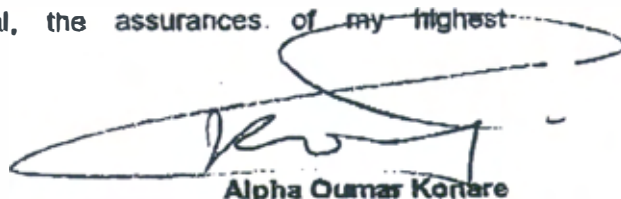
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I would be most grateful if you could bring the content of this letter and the Communiqué of the PSC to the attention of the Security Council. Furthermore, I would like to inform you that steps are being taken by the Commission to bring together military and security experts from the AU, the TCCs, the TFG, IGAD and partners willing to provide technical, logistical and financial support to develop a detailed operation plan. I would appreciate it if the UN could quickly dispatch representatives, including DPKO staff, to assist the AU in this process. The Commission will liaise with the United Nations to provide more details on the planned meetings.

Needless to say that deploying AMISOM and sustaining the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia is a daunting task. The early involvement of the United Nations is crucial, particularly given the wish expressed by the PSC for the UN to take over the AU operation in Somalia, once the initial stabilization phase has been completed. I am confident that the AU can count on the United Nations and on your personal support.

I look forward to seeing you in Addis Ababa during the forthcoming AU Summit, to discuss the situation in Somalia, as well as other conflict situations in the continent, notably Darfur.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Alpha Oumar Konare

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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
69<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
19 JANUARY 2007  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**PSC/PR/Comm(LXIX)**

**COMMUNIQUE**

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 69<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PEACE  
AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 69<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19 January 2007, adopted the following decision on the situation in Somalia and the deployment of an AU peace support mission in that country:

**Council,**

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in Somalia [PSC/PR/2(LXIX)] and the recommendations made by the Military Staff Committee on the proposed deployment of an African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM);
2. **Welcomes** the outcome of the AU technical evaluation mission that undertook, from 13 to 15 January 2007, consultations in Mogadishu with the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia on the planned deployment of a peace support mission in that country;
3. **Recalls** its previous decisions on the deployment of a peace support mission in Somalia as well as resolution 1725 (2006) adopted by the UN Security Council on 6 December 2006, regarding the deployment of a peace support mission in Somalia and the modification effected on the arms embargo imposed on Somalia by resolution 733 (1992), to facilitate the deployment of such a mission;
4. **Reiterates** its commitment to the unity, sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Somalia;
5. **Reiterates** its conviction that, following the recent developments that have enabled the TFG to take over Mogadishu and take control of the country, there exists today a unique and unprecedented opportunity to restore structures of governance in Somalia and bring about lasting peace and reconciliation, which the Somali people, their leaders and the international community as a whole should seize;
6. **Stresses** the need on the part of the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) to embark on an all-inclusive and genuine process of dialogue and reconciliation within the framework of the Transitional Federal Charter. Council **welcomes** the stated commitment of the leaders of the TFG to dialogue and reconciliation, and **encourages** the TFG to pursue its ongoing efforts with a view to reaching out to all segments of the population. Council also **encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary steps to assist this process and to ensure that the AU plays a leading role in this respect;
7. **Further stresses** the critical role of the countries of the region in the overall efforts aimed at bringing about lasting peace and reconciliation in Somalia and **strongly appeals** to them to demonstrate the necessary cohesion in support of the TFIs and their efforts;

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8. **Decides** to authorize the deployment of AMISOM, for a period of 6 months, starting from the date of this decision, with the mandate (i) to provide support to the TFIs in their efforts towards the stabilization of the situation in the country and the furtherance of dialogue and reconciliation, (ii) to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance, and (iii) to create conducive conditions for long-term stabilization, reconstruction and development in Somalia. In this respect, AMISOM, which shall be adequately equipped to project the appropriate posture, shall undertake the following tasks:

- to support dialogue and reconciliation in Somalia, working with all stakeholders,
- to provide, as appropriate, protection to the TFIs and their key infrastructure, to enable them carry out their functions,
- to assist in the implementation of the National Security and Stabilization Plan of Somalia, particularly the effective reestablishment and training of all inclusive Somali security forces, bearing in mind the programs already being implemented by some of Somalia's bilateral and multilateral partners,
- to provide, within capabilities and as appropriate, technical and other support to the disarmament and stabilization efforts,
- to monitor, in areas of deployment of its forces, the security situation,
- to facilitate, as may be required and within capabilities, humanitarian operations, including the repatriation and reintegration of refugees and the resettlement of IDPs, and
- to protect its personnel, installations and equipment, including the right of self-defense;

9. **Further decides that:**

- AMISOM shall comprise 9 Infantry battalions of 850 personnel each supported by maritime coastal and air components, as well as an appropriate civilian component, including a police training team,
- the initial deployment shall involve at least 3 infantry battalions, with adequate arrangements for additional battalions to follow quickly,
- AMISOM shall be deployed for a period of six (6) months, aimed essentially at contributing to the initial stabilization phase in Somalia, with a clear understanding that the mission will evolve to a United Nations operation that will support the long term stabilization and post-conflict reconstruction of Somalia,
- the concept of logistic support for AMISOM shall be based on self-sustenance by the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs), based on the model of the African Union Mission in Burundi (AMIB). The

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Commission shall mobilize logistical support for the TCCs, as well as funding from AU member states and partners to ensure that TCCs are reimbursed for the costs incurred in the course of their deployment, based on AU practice;

10. **Welcomes** the steps being taken by the Commission to convene a meeting that will bring together military and security experts of the AU, the TCCs, the TFG and IGAD, with the support of the United Nations and other stakeholders, to develop a detailed operation plan, as well as a meeting that will involve the TCCs, on the one hand, the AU member states and partners willing to provide technical, logistical and financial support, on the other;
11. **Urges** member states to provide military and other personnel, equipment and services that will be required for the successful deployment of AMISOM;
12. **Appeals** to AU member states, the League of Arab States, the European Union and its member states, the United Nations, as well as other AU partners, to urgently provide, in a predictable and coordinated manner, the required financial, technical and logistical support to facilitate the deployment of AMISOM as soon as possible;
13. **Requests** the United Nations and its Security Council to provide all the support necessary for the speedy deployment of AMISOM and the effective accomplishment of its mandate, including the review of resolution 1725 in light of the recent developments in Somalia and the provision of financial support, bearing in mind that in deploying a mission in Somalia the African Union is acting on behalf of the entire international community.;
14. **Stresses** that the long term stabilization and post-conflict reconstruction of Somalia will require the strong involvement of the United Nations. In this respect, Council **urges** the United Nations Security Council to consider authorizing a United Nations operation in Somalia that would take over from AMISOM at the expiration of its 6 months mandate;
15. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to follow up on all aspects of this decision and report to it regularly. Council further requests the Chairperson of the Commission to maintain close liaison with IGAD, the League of Arab States, the United Nations, as well as other stakeholders, to ensure effective and coordinated support for the efforts to sustain peace and reconciliation in Somalia;
16. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.