

Mr. Bonser (Canada) (*spoke in French*): We thank the Egyptian presidency for the opportunity to speak on the important issues of peace and security cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union (AU).

(*spoke in English*)

In the decade since the signing of the 2006 Declaration on Enhancing UN-AU Cooperation, both organizations have made important strides on a variety of peace and security issues. From close cooperation on peace operations, to the establishment of the United Nations liaison office to the African Union, to annual consultations between the Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council, the United Nations and the AU have increasingly taken steps to work more closely to promote peace and security in Africa. Canada is encouraged by this progress.

(*spoke in French*)

But there is still much work to be done. Terrorism, organized crime and armed conflict pose threats to global, regional and national peace and security. As a result of the evolving threats to international peace and security, the responsibilities shouldered by the African Union and the regional economic communities have increased tremendously. As partners, we must ensure that our support for these African-led efforts evolve

and rise to meet this challenge. (*spoke in English*)

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that the United Nations and the AU continue to foster a stronger and deeper partnership, as recommended in the 2015 United Nations high-level reviews on peace operations, peacebuilding, and women and peace and security. Canada commends the United Nations liaison office at the African Union and the AU Peace and Security Department for developing a Joint United Nations- AU framework for an enhanced partnership in peace and security. We strongly support the objective to deepen United Nations and AU collaboration across the conflict cycle, from conflict prevention, to conflict management and resolution, and ultimately to post-conflict reconstruction.

In this regard, Canada welcomes the development of the new African Peace and Security Architecture road map and encourages continued cooperation between the United Nations and the AU in implementing this vision. We recognize the inextricable links between peace and security and good governance, we also encourage the AU and the United Nations to further enhance their cooperation in operationalizing the African Governance Architecture, complementing the efforts of the Architecture's road map to move towards a more holistic approach to conflict.

Canada remains committed to working closely with African member States at the United Nations and to strengthening the relationship between the Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council. This is an important step to realizing our collective vision for sustainable peace in Africa.