

**Security Council Open Debate  
Cooperation Between the UN and Regional and Subregional Organizations  
Peace Operations: the UN-African Union Partnership and its Evolution  
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We thank the Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration of Chad, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, for convening this important open debate under the Chadian presidency. We welcome and thank Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the African Union High Representative for Mali and the Sahel, President Pierre Buyoya.

At the outset, we wish to align with other States in rejecting the barbaric attack on the school in the city of Peshawar. We express our sincere condolences to the families of those affected and to the Government of Pakistan.

For Chile collective action is crucial in tackling traditional and emerging threats and is enhanced by the involvement of regional and subregional organizations.

It is very difficult to implement universal measures without a regional contribution. That is the sense in which my country interprets Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, which leads us to promote efficient multilateralism capable of incorporating the contributions of regional and subregional organizations, in line with the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

We believe that the active participation of regional organizations and of the countries affected by conflict is crucial to resolving the conflicts, because they have a particular knowledge of the local reality, the contexts and the conditions that generate those cycles of instability and obstacles affecting peace and security.

Moreover, regional organizations can facilitate ways of taking action in conflict situations, incorporate the vision of local actors which provide differing views on the analysis of the origin, form and resolution of conflicts and promote local ownership on the part of missions and in implementing solutions to the conflict.

We value agreements we have seen involving the African Union and other regional and subregional organizations to promote peace and security. We encourage such possible interactions among those organizations and the United Nations system. In that respect, we encourage the establishment of regional agreements with a primarily holistic approach and the participation of local stakeholders in defining problems with interaction between regional organizations or the United Nations system, exchanging good practices and lessons learned in comparable situations and where there is economic independence for implementation. We must stimulate predictability, sustainability and flexibility in the funding of peacekeeping operations carried out by the African Union under a United Nations mandate to facilitate rapid and effective responses to conflict. **That is crucial for comprehensive rehabilitation processes that allow a swift return to political and institutional normalcy and the protection of the population, particularly women and children.** Such deployment will require well-equipped contingents, including procedures defined on the ground concerning standardized

training of the contingents, with a particular emphasis on human rights.

Likewise, it is necessary to simplify and standardize the forms of institutional collaboration among the United Nations system and regional bodies. The development of effective partnerships among the Security Council and regional and subregional organizations is crucial, particularly in the relationship between the Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council. Coordinated efforts on the ground are important in tackling the various challenges when such efforts involve other multilateral and bilateral actors on the ground.

The role of preventive diplomacy will be vital during the so-called Madiba Nelson Mandela Decade of Reconciliation in Africa, which can only be achieved by way of truth, justice and inclusive development.

We believe that this issue requires ongoing attention at different levels of the system, which should be based on appropriate mechanisms to facilitate coordination and complementarity between the regional and universal spheres.

To conclude my statement, my country would like to acknowledge the efforts and commitment on behalf of the African Union in seeking solutions to the challenges facing the continent and the important contributions to peacekeeping operations on their own continent and elsewhere in the world. As the international community, we must value and support these efforts. We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed their lives in defence of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.