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ON

PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA

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Mr. President,

On April 07, 2009 my delegation informed Council that we would prepare and circulate a Draft Presidential Statement (PRST) on the Resurgence of Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa, to be considered under the item "Peace and Security in Africa."

Today I am pleased that following exhaustive consultations on the Draft PRST, characterized by a spirit of give and take, over a period of close to one month we now have a text that is acceptable to all delegations. I would like to thank all Members for your cooperation and support.

The African Union considers the prevention of the scourge of unconstitutional changes of government as a key priority. In this regard, the twelfth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union held on February 1-3, 2009 requested international partners, especially the United Nations, to support the efforts of the African Union.

Mr. President

The Presidential Statement we are about to adopt is, in our view, a fitting outcome and expression of this Council's deep concern over the resurgence of unconstitutional changes of government in Africa, as well as a show of support to the efforts of the African Union.

Uganda, as Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa, welcomes your unanimous support.

We believe that the PRST will greatly contribute towards efforts aimed at preventing and deterring the resurgence of unconstitutional changes of government in Africa now and in the future.

Thank you.