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AMANI AFRICA Exercise
13 – 29 October 2010, Addis Ababa

Within the framework of the EU-Africa partnership on Peace and Security, a Command Post Exercise (CPX) will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13 to 29 October 2010.

Called AMANI Africa, this exercise will train and engage the structures within the Africa Union (AU) to deal with possible crisis. The overall objective of Amani Africa is to assist the AU to train, develop and evaluate the continental decision making processes in accordance with AU doctrine and procedures. More specifically, the execution of this exercise will train and evaluate AU capabilities to plan and conduct a peace support operation.

Approximately 120 civilian, police and military personnel coming from the AU and from the regions will participate delivering an integrated approach and emphasizing the role of both the continent and the regions. The EU (core planning team) and several EU Member States will be assisting, facilitating and advising throughout the entire exercise. Other International Organisations (United Nations, NATO, International Committee of the Red Cross) and NGO’s will further enhance the structures and ensure the multidimensionality to meet the reality of real life peace support operations.

The operational results achieved by Amani Africa will be presented at AU-EU summit which will be held in November 2010.

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Background:

At the Lisbon summit, in December 2007, the Heads of States and Governments of the EU adopted a joint Africa-EU Strategy which identifies eight partnerships for cooperation.

1 North African Regional Capability (NARC), Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS), Eastern African Standby Brigade Coordination Mechanism (EASBRICOM), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Southern African Development Community (SADC)
Among these partnerships, the partnership on Peace and Security aims to ensure support for the establishment and functioning of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and to promote long-term capacity building, including military and civilian crisis management and coherent and coordinated support for the African Standby Forces (ASF). The partnership on Peace and Security identifies several action points among which the AMANI Africa training cycle. The AMANI Africa cycle was officially launched in November 2008 at the Ministerial Troika in Addis Ababa. The cycle has already achieved a number of successes: a reinforcement in personnel, additional equipment and a growing capacity to plan and conduct a peace support operation. The CPX will further provide lessons and recommendations that will contribute to the further development of AU capabilities.