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The attached report is from the AU SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, SAFETY AND SECURITY (STCDSS) meeting held 11-14 May 2009. The report is focused on issues associated with the African Standby Force. A number of key areas are addressed and/or alluded to in the document to include

- a. "...the continued scourge of conflicts and instability on the continent, which cause immense suffering among African people, as well as undermine efforts towards socio-economic development."
- b. "...operationalization of the ASF as an important component of the APSA (African Peace and Security Architecture) designed to support African efforts at conflict prevention, management and resolution:"
- c. "the establishment of the five regional logistics depots;"
- d. "cost implications of the Communication and Information Systems (CIS)" [*Phillips' note: a critical need for the AU]
- e. "ASF Rapid Deployment Capability"
- f. "Strategic Lift"
- g. "Exercise AMANI AFRICA"
- h. Police Component
- i. Civilian Component