

# **OUTLINE**

## **The Role of the African Union in the Maintenance of Peace and Security in Africa**

### **I. Introduction**

- **Factors explaining the differences between the roles of the OAU and the AU in the maintenance of peace and security in Africa**
- **From the principle of non-interference to the right of intervention**

### **II. From the OAU to the AU**

- **The Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration**
- **The 1993 Cairo Declaration and the establishment of a Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution**

### **III. The Right of the Union to Intervene in a Member State**

- **The 2003 Protocol on the Peace and Security Council**
- **The right to intervene of the AU and the right of Member States to request intervention from the AU**

### **IV. Relation to the UN Charter and the Role of the Security Council**

- **The prohibition of the threat or use of force and the exceptions to this principle under the UN Charter**
- **Article 17 of the Peace and Security Protocol**
- **The limited capacities of the AU in terms of logistics, financial resources and peacekeeping capabilities**

### **V. Concluding Remarks**