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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 141<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 11 July 2008, was briefed by the Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on some of the activities of the ICC.

Council took note of the briefing, and recalled the statement issued at the end of its 56<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19 June 2006, following a similar briefing by the President and Prosecutor of the ICC.

Council reaffirmed the commitment of the African Union to combating impunity, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the AU Constitutive Act and other continental instruments, as well as the decisions of the Peace and Security Council.

At the same time, Council expressed its strong conviction that the search for justice should be pursued in a way that does not impede or jeopardize efforts aimed at promoting lasting peace, and recalled that, in resolution 1593(2005) of 31 March 2005, the United Nations Security Council also emphasized the need to promote healing and reconciliation.

In addition, Council recalled decision *Assembly/AU/14(XI)*, adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held from 30 June to 1 July 2008, in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, and reiterated AU's concern with the misuse of indictments against African leaders.

**Addis Ababa, 11 July 2008**

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