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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 225th meeting held on 14 April 2010, was briefed by Mr. Jakob Kellenberger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), on ICRC activities in Africa.

Council welcomed the cooperation and regular consultations between the AU and the ICRC, within the framework of the activities undertaken by this organization towards the promotion and respect of international humanitarian law in situations of armed conflicts in Africa.

Council reaffirmed the unflinching commitment of the AU to human rights and international humanitarian law, as well as the sanctity of human life, as enshrined in Article 4 (o and m) of the AU Constitutive Act and Article 4 (c) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the AU.

Council and the ICRC welcomed the adoption, in October 2009, in Kampala, Uganda, of the AU Convention on the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, which reinforces the existing AU legal instruments on humanitarian issues. Council requested the Commission, within the framework of the implementation of this Convention, to work closely with the ICRC and the other concerned partners.

Council also stressed the need for the Commission of the AU and the ICRC to work closely together and to carry out specific activities, as part of the celebration of the Year of Peace and Security in Africa.

Addis Ababa, 14 April 2010

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