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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

**250<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**TRIPOLI, GREAT SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S**

**LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA**

**30 NOVEMBER 2010**

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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 250<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the level of Heads of State and Government, in Tripoli, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on 30 November 2010, received briefings on the activities of the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) and on the situation in the Sudan.

Council welcomed the commitment of the Sudanese Parties, and encouraged them to pursue their efforts towards the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the search for an inclusive and comprehensive solution to the situation in Darfur and the democratic transformation of their country.

Council assured the Sudanese Parties of Africa's full solidarity and support, and called on the international community to facilitate and support the Sudanese Parties in their efforts, including by deferring the process initiated by the International Criminal Court, as well as by removing the sanctions against the Sudan.

Council expressed its full support to the AUHIP, and encouraged it to pursue and intensify its efforts in accordance with the decision adopted by the 207<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Peace and Security Council held in Abuja on 29 October 2009, with particular emphasis on the completion of the implementation of the CPA, negotiations on post-referendum arrangements, and the launching of the Darfur Political Process under the auspices of the AUHIP and UNAMID, in line with the conclusions of the meeting of the Sudan Consultative Forum held in Addis Ababa, on 6 November 2010.

Council welcomed the communiqué of the IGAD 16<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, on 23 November 2010, and commended IGAD for its commitment to peace and security in the Sudan.

Council expressed AU's confidence in the leadership of President Omar Hassan al Bashir and First Vice-President Salva Kiir Mayardit to lead the Sudan into a new era of peace, regardless of the outcome of the referendum on self-determination scheduled for January 2011.

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