

**THE TRIPOLI DECLARATION
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At the joint initiative of Brother MUAMMAR AL-KADDAFI, Guide of the Revolution and High Peace Mediator within the CEN-SAD space on the one hand, and current Chairman of the African Union, His Excellency Denis SASSOU N'GUESSO, President of the Republic of Congo on the other hand, a conference at the summit was held in Tripoli on 08 February 2006, on the situation between Chad and Sudan, at which the following Heads of State also participated:

- BLAISE COMPAORE, President of Burkina Faso, current Chair of CEN-SAD;
- OMAR HASSAN EL BESHIR, President of the Republic of Sudan;
- IDRIS DEBY ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad;
- BOZIZE YANGOUVONDA FRANCOIS, President of the Central African Republic.

2. Also in attendance were:

- The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **Prof. ALPHA OMAR KONARE**;
- The Secretary General of CEN-SAD, **Mr. MOHAMED AL-MADANI AL-AZHARI**;
- A representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations Organisation.

3. This conference at the summit was preceded on the 6 and 7th February 2006, by a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers of Public Security of the above-mentioned countries under the chairmanship of **His Excellency RODOLPHE ADADA**, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs and of the Francophonie of the Republic of Congo and Chair of the Executive Council of the African Union.

4. After examining the crisis situation between Chad and Sudan, and on the basis of the communications made by the two Parties and by the African Union Commission, the Conference expressed its concerns on the unfortunate crisis between the two brotherly countries which share common geographical, historical and social links.

5. The Conference commended the willingness to engage in constructive dialogue, which was reaffirmed during the discussions by President OMAR HASSAN EL BESHIR and President IDRIS DEBY ITNO.

6. The Conference exhorted the two Parties to engage in dialogue and bilateral concertations bearing in mind the following:

- The relevant provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union as well as those of Article 4 of the Protocol creating the Peace and Security Council of the African Union which prescribe the peaceful resolution of differences between countries, refrain from the use of force, non-interference in the internal affairs of other states, peaceful co-existence between states, and the right of all states to live in peace;
- The relevant provisions of the Treaty creating CEN-SAD;
- The CEN-SAD Security Charter;
- The Niamey Declaration adopted at the 5th ordinary session of the Assembly of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD on crises and conflicts;
- The Declaration of the UN General Assembly concerning friendly relations and cooperation between states (Resolution 2625 (XXV));

7. The Conference invited the Parties to refrain from all interference in each other's internal affairs and also to refrain from supporting armed groups operating within each other's territory.

8. The Conference requested the two Parties to prevent, in accordance with the CEN-SAD Security Charter signed by both parties, the use of their territories for subversive activities against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each other.

9. The Conference requests the two Parties to institute and institutionalise the exchange of information by the competent services of the two countries on activities of armed groups as a step towards dismantling them.

10. The Conference requests the two Parties to put an immediate stop to the media campaigns which are impeding the re-establishment of confidence and serenity.

11. The Conference undertakes to support the two Parties in all the ways they may require to accomplish this noble and heroic endeavour to restore a climate of confidence and good neighborliness, which has always existed between Chad and Sudan. To this effect the Conference decides to establish:

- **A ministerial follow-up committee**, which shall meet periodically to evaluate the progress made and support the two countries in the search for a peaceful and negotiated solution to the causes of the crisis. This Committee, which shall work in coordination with the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, is placed under the chairmanship of Libya and includes the Ministers of the two Parties, the Ministers of Congo, Burkina Faso, of the Central African Republic and the Secretary General of CEN-SAD;
- A field information mission;
- A peace and security force to secure their mutual borders.

12. The Conference requests Libya to convene, in Tripoli, at the earliest possible, an extraordinary meeting of the Heads of External Intelligence Services of the two sides, to propose adequate means of monitoring their mutual frontiers.

13. To manifest their willingness for a peaceful resolution of their differences and to restore confidence between the two sides, the Republic of Chad and the Republic of Sudan signed an agreement called "The Tripoli Agreement for the Resolution of the Difference between the Republic of Chad and the Republic of Sudan" and will work to normalise their diplomatic and consular relations. Similarly, the two Parties commit themselves to put an immediate ban on the presence and stay of rebel elements of one or the other side on their respective territories.

14. The Conference paid glowing tribute to their Excellencies, OMAR HASSAN EL BESHIR and IDRIS DEBY ITNO for their pan-Africanism and their attachment to peace, security and the stability of their countries and sub-region.

15. The Conference warmly thanked the current Chairman of the African Union, His Excellency Denis SASSOU N'GUESSO, President of the Republic of Congo, who had the clairvoyance to include peace and security among the major priorities of his term of office.

16. The Conference expressed its profound gratitude and very high appreciation, through a Motion, to BROTHER MUAMMAR AL-KADDAFI, Guide of the Revolution and High Peace Mediator in the CEN-SAD space, for his abnegation and untiring commitment for peace, security and development in the CEN-SAD space and Africa in general.

Done in Tripoli, this 08 February 2006

For the Conference,

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Current Chair of the African Union

Guide of the Revolution, High Peace
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