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The meeting was briefed by Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, AU Special Envoy for Darfur on his joint Mission to the Sudan with Mr. Jan Eliasson, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the UN that took place from 11 – 17 February 2007.

At the end of its deliberations, Council:

1. Welcomed the joint AU/UN Mission by the Special Envoys to the Sudan and expressed appreciation and support for the initiatives being taken by Dr. Salim and Mr. Eliasson, to re-energize the peace process in Darfur;
2. Recalled that the initiatives launched by the Envoys are within the framework of the Decisions taken in Addis Ababa during the High level Consultation on the situation in Darfur of 16 November 2006, and endorsed by the Summit of the AU Peace and Security Council, held on 30 November 2006, in Abuja, Nigeria, as well as by the subsequent UN Security Council Presidential statement PRST/2006 of 19 December 2006;
3. Strongly urged all the parties in the Sudan, particularly, the Government and the Movements, Regional Actors and international Partners to extend maximum support to the Envoys and to coordinate all initiatives with the AU – UN led process;
4. Welcomed the decision to establish a joint mediation support team based in Khartoum and in El Fasher to support the work of the Special Envoys;
5. Further welcomed the initiatives taken to normalize the relations between the Sudan and Chad and called upon the two countries and the international community to support the implementation of the Agreements reached.

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