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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 201ST MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 201th meeting held on 25 August 2009, adopted the following communiqué on the implementation process of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), signed between the Government of the Sudan (GoS) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), on 9 January 2005:

Council,

1. **Takes** note of the report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the implementation process of the CPA [PSC/PR/2(CCI)], as well as the statements by the Government of the National Unity (GoNU), the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the League of Arab States (LAS), the Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC), the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) and South Africa, as Chair of the AU Ministerial Committee on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development of the Sudan;
2. **Reiterates** its support to the CPA, and **stresses the need** for all concerned parties to spare no efforts to ensure its successful comprehensive implementation, in order to promote lasting peace in the Sudan. In this regard, Council **encourages** the Sudanese parties to initiate a comprehensive process of national reconciliation and healing, in line with the provisions of the CPA, including through the establishment of the required mechanisms, and to sensitize and urge local communities, which have been most affected by the war, and all stakeholders to promote the building of a transformed and democratic Sudan;
3. **Welcomes** the progress achieved since the last meeting of Council, in November 2008, by the Sudanese parties in the implementation of the CPA, as evidenced, *inter alia*, by the acceptance by both parties of the Ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration on Abyei and the spirit displayed following this decision. Council **further urges** the parties to fully implement the Abyei Protocol in accordance with the provisions of the CPA and the decision of the Permanent Court of Arbitration;
4. **Welcomes** the efforts deployed by the parties to address outstanding issues in the implementation of the CPA. At the same time, Council **notes with concern** the delay with regard to the demarcation of the North-South border, issue on which the parties have diverging views, the enactment of the remaining legislation for the elections, the full re-deployment of the forces, the disarmament of militias, the operationalisation of the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) and the resolution of the impasse with regard to the census results. Council **expresses concern** that the non-resolution of these issues could undermine the peace process.
5. **Expresses grave concern** at the deteriorating security situation in South Sudan and other war affected areas, exacerbated by inter-tribal and intra-tribal armed conflicts. Council **is concerned** that despite the reduction in these sporadic armed clashes, the number of casualties has increased. Council **urges** all stakeholders to increase

assistance to the nascent GoSS institutions to effectively and amicably address this crisis, as well as provide assistance to the victims of such deadly clashes;

6. **Expresses grave concern** over the continued threats posed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to the security and humanitarian situation in Southern Sudan and **calls on** the international community to exert pressure on the LRA to sign the Final Peace Agreement in the context of the Juba Peace Process;

7. **Urges** the Commission to expeditiously dispatch a pre-election team to the Sudan to meet with the Sudanese officials, as well as other stakeholders involved in the preparations for the Sudanese elections, in order to assess the readiness of the Sudanese electoral process and review the status of the implementation of the CPA and **requests** the Commission to furnish it with the report of the pre-election assessment visit. Council **encourages** the international community to support the electoral process of the Sudan, which remains fundamental to the successful implementation of the CPA;

8. **Expresses its appreciation** to the international community, particularly the United Nations and its specialized agencies and other multilateral and bilateral donors, for the assistance rendered thus far towards the implementation of the CPA and the post-conflict reconstruction of the Sudan. Council **commends** the renewed efforts of the Government of the United States of America, with the convening of the Washington Conference of Witnesses and Supporters of the CPA, in June 2009, as well as the ongoing efforts by the US, through the Tripartite Mechanism involving the SPLM and NCP, to give impetus to the implementation process of the CPA, which led to the adoption of the "NCP-SPLM Points of Agreement" document;

9. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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