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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 286th meeting held on 19 July 2011, considered the situation in Darfur and the activities of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), and adopted the following decision:

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in Darfur [PSC/PR/2(CCLXXXVI)], and the statements made by the Joint AU-UN Special Representative for UNAMID, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, and the representative of the Government of Sudan;
2. **Recalls** its previous decisions and communiqués on the situation in Darfur;
3. **Notes with satisfaction** the progress made in the deployment of UNAMID military and police components, which have now reached 18,002 and 2,751, that is 92% and 73%, respectively, of the total authorized strength, as well as the civilian component, which has reached 4,466, representing 81% of the authorized strength. Council **also takes note** of the new robust policy of UNAMID in implementing its mandate, and **expresses satisfaction** with the positive results thus far achieved;
4. **Expresses concern** at the prevailing insecurity in some parts of Darfur, leading to the loss of human lives and the displacement of civilian populations, with the attendant negative impact on the humanitarian situation. Council **appeals** to all parties concerned to urgently exercise maximum restraint and refrain from any action likely to aggravate the security situation on the ground;
5. **Strongly condemns** the recent attacks on the personnel of UNAMID and that against humanitarian agencies operating in Darfur, including the attempted ambush by unknown elements, on 30 June 2011, which resulted in the death of an Ethiopian peacekeeper. Council **calls on** the Government of Sudan to spare no efforts to identify the perpetrators of these criminal acts and bring them to justice;
6. **Commends** the efforts of the AU-UN Joint Special Representative for UNAMID, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, and his continued focused and dedicated leadership, as well as those of the personnel of the Mission, for their dedication and contribution to the promotion of lasting peace, security and reconciliation in Darfur, including through the holding of the first-ever International Water Conference on Darfur and the launching of "*Operation Spring Basket*";
7. **Stresses** that achieving peace in Darfur is a matter of urgency, recognizing that the people of Darfur have been waiting for peace for too long. In this respect, Council **notes with satisfaction** the conclusion of the Doha political talks, in particular the signing of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD) by the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the Liberation and Justice Movement (LJM), on 14 July 2011, as a positive development that will

greatly contribute to the promotion of peace and security in Darfur. Council **commends** both the GoS and the LJM for their commitment and for putting the interests of the Darfurian people above any other consideration. Council **also commends** the former Joint Chief Mediator, Mr. Djibril Bassole, as well as the Government of Qatar, in particular Mr. Ahmed Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, for their tireless efforts;

8. **Appeals** to the other armed movements to join the peace process and adhere to the DDPD. In this respect, Council **encourages** the AU and the UN to pursue their efforts aimed at bringing on board the armed movements that have not yet joined the peace process. Council **welcomes** the recent appointment of Prof. Ibrahim Gambari as the Joint Chief Mediator *ad interim*, and **looks forward** to the early formalization of this appointment;

9. **Reiterates** all earlier AU decisions and pronouncements, including the relevant paragraph of the decision on the Report of the Peace and Security Council on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa, adopted by the 17th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Malabo, from 30 June to 1st July 2011, relating to the Darfur Political Process (DPP). Council, once again, **stresses** the need to fully launch the DPP, building on the positive outcome of the Doha process, as a way of sustaining the progress made so far and ensuring that the Darfuris truly own the quest for peace, justice and reconciliation in their region;

10. **Requests** the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) on Sudan and UNAMID to intensify their efforts for the launching of the DPP, including the preparatory work and the consultations with the GoS and other stakeholders, to ensure the creation of an environment that will enable all constituents to freely participate in the Process. Council **stresses** the primary responsibility of the Government of the Sudan, **welcomes** its expressed commitment to spare no efforts in this regard, including the early lifting of the state of emergency in Darfur, and **urges** it to extend all necessary cooperation to the AUHIP and UNAMID;

11. **Reiterates** the call made by the 17th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to the AU partners, in particular the UN Security Council and its members, to fully support the DPP, which has been endorsed at the highest level by the AU, and to take the steps expected of them to facilitate the work of the AUHIP and UNAMID in this respect. While recognizing the need to create a conducive environment for the success of the DPP, Council **strongly urges** all members of the international community to fully support the DPP, without making its launching contingent upon the fulfilment of preconditions that have the potential to provide room for spoilers to undermine the quest for peace, defeat the principle of ownership by the Sudanese stakeholders, and make it impossible to grasp opportunities to advance the cause of peace, justice and reconciliation in Darfur. Council **stresses** that the launching of the DPP will empower the Sudanese stakeholders and make it possible to create the peaceful environment the people of Darfur are yearning for;

12. **Decides** to extend, for a further period of 12 months, the mandate of UNAMID, as defined by communiqué PSC/PR/Comm(LXXIX) of the 79th meeting of the Peace and Security

Council, held on 22 June 2007, and UN Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007. Council **requests** the UN Security Council to do the same, bearing in mind the central role that UNAMID plays on the ground, particularly with respect to the protection of civilians, and the increasing contribution expected from the Mission to advance the search for lasting peace in Darfur, including support for the implementation of the DPDD, the launching of the DPP, early recovery and facilitation of the return and reintegration of IDPs and refugees, building on the encouraging trend already observed on the ground;

13. **Requests** the Commission to actively follow up on the implementation of this decision and to mobilise all necessary support in this respect. Council **further requests** the Commission and UNAMID to report to it regularly on progress made, including the implementation of the DDPD, the effective launching of the DPP, challenges that may be encountered in this respect and the extent of support received from international partners, as well as the implementation of UNAMID mandate for the next twelve months, starting from 31st July 2011;

14. **Decides** to remain actively seized of this matter.

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