

**DECLARATION ON THE INTER-SUDANESE
PEACE TALKS IN DARFUR**

The Assembly of the African Union, meeting in its 5th Ordinary Session, in Sirte, from 4 to 5 July 2005, having been briefed on the on-going 5th Round of the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on Darfur, in Abuja:

- **welcomes** the appointment of Salim Ahmed Salim, as the AU Special Envoy and Chief Mediator for the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on Darfur, and **expresses its support and appreciation** for the efforts he is deploying with the support of the AU and Chadian Mediation Teams, other African Facilitators and Observers and which culminated in the submission to the Parties of a Draft Declaration of Principles (DoP) ;
- **commends** the Government of the Sudan (GoS) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) for their disposition to adopt and sign the DoP as proposed by the Mediation, the Facilitators and Observers;
- **urges** the Sudan Liberation Movement /Army (SLM/A) to join the consensus and accept the DoP, which the International Community considers as the best compromise addressing the legitimate concerns of all the parties, so as to create propitious conditions for the commencement, as soon as possible, of the substantive discussions on power and wealth sharing and on security arrangements.

Done in Sirte on the 5th day of July 2005

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