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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE
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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 43rd meeting, held on 22 November 2005, adopted the following decision on the preparation for the 7th Round of the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the conflict in Darfur:

Council,

1. **Expresses** concern over recent developments on the ground, particularly violations of the Ceasefire Agreement, under any pretext whatsoever, and **calls upon** all the parties to exercise maximum restraint and to abide by their commitments;
2. **Urges** all the Parties to return immediately to Abuja for the 7th Round of the Talks, without any preconditions, and to ensure that the 7th Round is the decisive one, with a comprehensive peace Agreement to end the conflict in Darfur, as was agreed at the end of the 6th Round;
3. **Reminds** the leaders of the SLM/A of their heavy responsibility not to prolong the suffering of their people in Darfur and, in this respect, **strongly demands** that they put aside their differences and personal ambitions and focus on the negotiations to end the conflict;
4. **Further demands** that, as soon as practicable, the leadership crisis in the Movement should be addressed collectively and resolved in a manner that is democratic, transparent and fair;
5. **Requests** the Commission to ensure that invitations to the 7th Round of the Talks are extended to the two groups in the SLM/A, as may be deemed appropriate;
6. **Commends** all countries and institutions that have taken initiatives to overcome the divisions within the SLM/A and **requests** them to pursue their efforts in close cooperation and consultation with the AU;
7. **Decides**, in close cooperation and consultation with the UN Security Council, to consider future appropriate measures, including sanctions, to be taken against any party that will undermine or constitute an obstacle to the peace process in Darfur, including the Abuja Talks, as well as violations of the N'djamena Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement and the Abuja Protocols;
8. **Appeals** to all international partners to lend their strong support to the AU position on an all-inclusive peace process that will address the legitimate grievances of the people of Darfur and to continue to support the Peace Talks, as well as the AMIS deployment in Darfur, with financial and material resources;

9. **Encourages** the Special Envoy and Chief Mediator and his Team, the Chadian co-Mediation, the Facilitators and Observers, to spare no efforts to speedily conclude a Comprehensive Peace Agreement on the conflict in Darfur that is consistent with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of January 2005, the Interim Constitution of the Sudan and the Declaration of Principles (DoP) adopted by the parties in Abuja during the 5th Round of the Talks;

10. **Decides** to remain seized with the developments in the peace process in Abuja and the efforts to stabilize the security situation in Darfur.