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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union, at its 48th meeting, held on 6 April 2006, adopted the following decision on the ongoing Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the situation in Darfur.

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the status of the ongoing Abuja Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the situation in Darfur No. PSC/PR/1(XLVIII);
2. **Further takes note** of the briefing by the Special Envoy and Chief Mediator, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, on the status of the ongoing Abuja Inter-Sudanese Talks on the Conflict in Darfur;
3. **Commends** the Special Envoy and his Mediation team for the progress made and **encourages** them to pursue their efforts towards an early conclusion of the Talks;
4. **Urges** the Parties to expeditiously conclude and sign the draft Enhanced Ceasefire Agreement submitted to them by the AU Mediation. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to cause AMIS to urgently draw up and submit contingency plans on the requirements for implementing the commitments envisaged in the draft Enhanced Ceasefire Agreement;
5. **Further requests** the Mediation to submit to the parties, as quickly as possible, final compromise proposals for a Comprehensive Darfur Peace Agreement, with the continued support of the International Community. In this regard, Council **strongly urges** all the Parties, to fully cooperate with the AU Mediation Team and to reach an agreement within the time frame of the end of April 2006 set at its 46th meeting on 10th March 2006;
6. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the Darfur issue.