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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
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**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 14th Meeting held on 9 August 2004, under the chairmanship of the Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, adopted the following Communiqué on the crisis in the Darfur region of the Sudan:

Council,

1. **Reaffirms** the need for all the Sudanese parties, namely the Government of the Sudan (GoS), the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A), to honour their commitments under the Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement of 8 April 2004 and to comply with the relevant decisions of the African Union;
2. **Expresses satisfaction** at the announcement of the resumption of the political dialogue between the Sudanese Parties in Abuja, Nigeria, on 23 August 2004. In this connection, Council **pays tribute** to the Current Chairman of the AU and the Chairperson of the AU Commission for the efforts made;
3. **Requests** the Sudanese Parties to be represented at the highest level at the Abuja Talks and **urges** all the AU Member States and Partners to give the necessary support to ensure the success of the Talks;
4. **Expresses satisfaction** at the progress made in the establishment of the AU Mission in Darfur, including the Protection Force;
5. **Reiterates** the need for the AU to continue to lead the efforts aimed at solving the crisis obtaining in the Darfur region. In this connection, Council **expresses satisfaction** at the support which the United Nations, the European Union (EU), the League of Arab States and the bilateral Partners are giving to the AU;
6. **Reiterates** the urgent need for increased humanitarian assistance to the civilians affected by the crisis;
7. **Decides** to remain actively seized with the matter.