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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

**145<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**8 AUGUST 2008**

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 145<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 8 August 2008, was briefed by the Commission on the implementation of the decisions on the Sudan in the communiqué adopted at its 142<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 21 July 2008.

Council stressed the need for the comprehensive implementation of the different elements of its communiqué of 21 July 2008.

Council welcomed the follow-up steps taken since its meeting of 21 July 2008, including the letter addressed by the Chairperson of the AU Commission to the United Nations Secretary-General on 24 July 2008, as well as the visit that he undertook to the Sudan from 3 to 4 August 2008, and the discussions that he had with the President of the Sudan and other high level Sudanese officials.

Council looks forward to the early establishment of the High Level Panel provided for in paragraph 11(ii) of its communiqué of 21 July 2008.

Council recalled resolution 1828(2008) of 31 July 2008, in which the United Nations Security Council took note of its communiqué of 21 July 2008, and reiterated the request it made for the deferral of the process initiated by the ICC Prosecutor, in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute.

Council welcomed the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of UNAMID for a further period of 12 months, and reiterated the need to expedite the full deployment of the Mission, as well as the resumption of the political process. In this respect, Council called on all concerned to extend unreserved cooperation to the African Union and the United Nations in their joint efforts aimed at promoting lasting peace and reconciliation in Darfur. Council further called on members of the international community to expeditiously provide the support required for the successful deployment of UNAMID.

**Addis Ababa, 8 August 2008**