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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 213th MEETING OF
THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 213rd meeting held on 22 December 2009, considered the Report of the Mission undertaken by the Council to the Sudan, from 23rd to 25th November 2009, and adopted the following decision:

Council:

1. **Takes note** of the Report [PSC/PR/CCXIII] on the PSC field mission which visited the Sudan from 23rd to 25th November 2009;
2. **Stresses** the need to re-energize the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and to accelerate the process of post-conflict reconstruction and socio-economic development in South Sudan. In this respect, Council **further stresses** the importance of the AU Ministerial Committee on Post-Conflict Reconstruction of the Sudan and **encourages** the Committee to intensify its efforts;
3. **Emphasizes** the need, given the challenges related to the general elections in April 2010 and the referendum in early 2011, for the AU to accelerate the implementation of the recommendations of the African Union High Level Panel on Darfur (AUPD) in line with the decision adopted by Council at its 207th meeting held at the level of Heads of State and Government in Abuja, Nigeria, on 29 October 2009;
4. **Expresses** concern at the continuing lack of confidence between the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM) regarding the implementation of the CPA, which affects preparations for the referendum scheduled for early 2011. In this regard, **stresses** the need for the AU, and IGAD, with the support of the international community, to assist in renewing confidence between the two parties;
5. **Notes** the challenges faced by the Sudan in both the implementation of the CPA and the upcoming elections in April 2010, as well as the preparations for the referendum. In this respect, Council **decides** to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Sudan to assist in addressing the challenges. Council **further agrees** to undertake field missions to Sudan in support of the peace processes in that country;
6. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to submit to it regular reports on the evolution of the situation in Sudan;
7. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.