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PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 254<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21 December 2010, adopted the following decision on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in Sudan:

**Council,**

1. **Recalls** the relevant provisions of the CPA signed on 9 January 2005, in Nairobi, in particular those relating to the holding, under international supervision, of a self-determination referendum, to be jointly organized by the Government of Sudan and the SPLM/A, to allow the people of southern Sudan either to confirm the unity of Sudan or to secede. Council **also recalls** that the African Union, along with other countries and international organizations, is among the Guarantors of the CPA;
2. **Stresses** the importance for Sudan and for Africa as a whole of the self-determination referendum planned in southern Sudan, on 9 January 2011;
3. **Requests** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary measures to dispatch an as large as possible team of observers to monitor the referendum and **encourages** all Member States in a position to do so to deploy observers, at their own expenses and under the auspices of the AU, in order to strengthen the AU presence on the ground;
4. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.