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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

**50<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**28 APRIL 2006**

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**PSC/PR/Comm/(L)**

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The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28 April 2006, considered the latest developments in the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the Conflict in Darfur, currently taking place in Abuja, Nigeria, and adopted the following decision:

**Council,**

1. **Welcomes** the submission by the AU Special Envoy and Chief Mediator for the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks, Salim Ahmed Salim, of the draft Peace Agreement (DPA) to the Sudanese parties – the Government of the Sudan, the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), on 25 April 2006;
2. **Affirms** that the draft DPA, which is the culmination of intensive deliberations and negotiations conducted by the AU mediation with the support of the facilitators and international partners, represents a fair, comprehensive and workable solution to the conflict in Darfur, covering the aspects of power-sharing, wealth-sharing, security arrangements and the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue and Consultation, as well as Implementation Mechanisms and Modalities. Council is of the view that the time has now come for the parties to assume their responsibilities and to take historic decisions to bring the conflict to an end;
3. **Invites** the parties to accept the draft DPA as the most viable basis for finding a lasting solution to the conflict in Darfur and therefore to adopt and sign the Agreement by the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> April that was set by the Council at its meeting of 10 March 2006;
4. **Calls upon** the international community and the UN Security Council, in particular, to provide the necessary political and other forms of support needed for the adoption and signing of the DPA and its full implementation by the parties.