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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 237th meeting held in Kampala, Uganda, on 21 July 2010, reviewed the situation in Darfur and the activities of the African Union – United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), and adopted the following decision:

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in Darfur [PSC/PR/2(CCXXVII)], as well as the statements made by the Commissioner for Peace and Security, the Joint AU/UN Special Representative for Darfur and Head of UNAMID, the AU-UN Joint Chief Mediator, the Government of the Sudan and the representative the League of Arab States;
2. **Recalls** its previous decisions and communiqués on the situation in Darfur;
3. **Expresses deep concern** at the deterioration of the security situation in Darfur since May 2010, which has led to considerable loss of human life and new displacements of the civilian population and impacted negatively on the overall humanitarian situation. Council **calls on** the Government of the Sudan and the concerned_armed movements to show restraint and refrain from any action likely to further aggravate the situation on the ground;
4. **Strongly condemns** the attacks on the personnel of UNAMID and that of the humanitarian agencies, and **calls on** the Government of Sudan to spare no efforts to identify the perpetrators of these criminal acts and bring them to justice;
5. **Notes with satisfaction** the progress made in the deployment of UNAMID military, police and civilian components, which have now reached 88%, 70%, and 75%, respectively, of the authorized strength. Council **commends** the personnel and leadership of the Mission for their dedication and contribution to the promotion of lasting peace and reconciliation in Darfur. In particular, Council **commends** the efforts of the AU-UN Joint Special Representative, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, in the pursuit of peace, security and stability in Darfur;
6. **Notes** the regular consultative meetings of the Tripartite Coordination Mechanism comprising the Government of the Sudan, the AU and the United Nations, which played a critical role in addressing all matters relating to the deployment and operations of UNAMID. Council **welcomes** the agreed outcome of the last meeting of the Tripartite Mechanism, which took place in Addis Ababa, on 10 May 2010, particularly the conclusion relating to the need to articulate UNAMID activities towards a cost efficient employment of its assets and capabilities, including in support of post-conflict reconstruction and development activities. Council **calls on** the Government of Sudan to continue to extend the necessary cooperation to enable the Mission effectively carry out its mandate, including by taking the steps required to facilitate the

use of UNAMID aerial assets, such as the Tactical Helicopter Units based in Nyala. Council **reiterates its call on** all the countries having the necessary capabilities to provide UNAMID with the required military enablers, to enhance the capacity of the Mission;

7. **Expresses concern** at the counter-productive consequences of the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which, following a request by the Prosecutor issued, on 12 July 2010, a second warrant of arrest against President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir on charges of genocide. Council, **once again, urges** the United Nations Security Council to assume its responsibilities and heed the call for the deferral of the process initiated by the ICC against President Al Bashir in the interest of peace, justice and reconciliation;

8. **Encourages** the parties to the Doha process, led by the Joint Chief Mediator, Djibril Basso, with the support of the Government of Qatar, to intensify their efforts towards achieving further progress and **urges** the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Army/Abdul Wahid to join the process without delay. Council **emphasises** the need for the peace talks between the Government and the armed movements to be completed as early as possible and, in any event, before the referendum for self determination in Southern Sudan;

9. **Expresses full support** to the work of the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) since its establishment in October 2009, in particular the efforts being made in order to speed up the search for an inclusive and comprehensive solution to the conflict in Darfur, notably through the early convening, within Darfur and in collaboration with UNAMID, of the Darfur-Darfur Conference (DDC), and **calls on** all concerned to extend the necessary cooperation. Council **also expresses full support** to the steps taken towards addressing the issues of justice, reconciliation and healing, in line with the recommendations of the AU High-Level Panel on Darfur (AUPD). In this respect, Council **notes** the appointment by the Government of Sudan of a team to consult with the AUHIP on the best way forward and **stresses** the need for concrete and early progress on the issue of justice, reconciliation and healing;

10. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Sudan Consultative Forum, pursuant to the decision adopted at its 207th meeting held in Abuja on 29 October 2009, and the outcome of the first meeting of the Forum, which took place in Khartoum on 17 July 2010, and **encourages** the Commission to actively pursue its efforts to promote a unified and enhanced contribution of the international community to the achievement of peace, security and stability in Sudan;

11. **Welcomes** the consolidation of the normalization process in the relations between Chad and Sudan, and **commends** the two countries for the steps taken to this end;

12. **Decides** to extend, for a further period of 12 months, the mandate of UNAMID as defined by UN Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, and **requests** the Security Council to do the same;

13. **Decides** to remain seized of this matter.

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