

Quadripartite Meeting of

African Union High-Level Implementation Panel for Sudan

Government of Sudan

Government of the United States of America

UNAMID

PRESS STATEMENT

A meeting was convened of the four Parties, chaired by President Thabo Mbeki, on 15 January 2011, in Khartoum, to discuss the Darfur peace process and next steps.

The meeting considered the current situation with respect to the Doha peace process, and the prevailing security situation in Darfur with a view to deciding how best to proceed with commitments entered into to expedite the all-inclusive Darfur Political Process leading to the Darfur-Darfur Conference.

The meeting agreed that the Darfur Political Process, convened by the AUHIP and UNAMID, should begin in February. In the meantime, the Government of Sudan and UNAMID will work together to promote the enabling environment for the process.

The meeting further agreed that the Darfur Political Process should be complementary to the Doha peace process and should not await the conclusion of the Doha talks. The participants called upon those present in Doha to conclude the negotiations as soon as possible.