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African Union High-Level Implementation Panel (Sudan)

Press Release

Summit Meeting of Sudanese Political Parties - Update

Khartoum, 17 February 2010: The African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) has continued its consultations in Khartoum with the Sudanese Political Parties in preparation for the proposed Summit Meeting of Sudanese Political Parties.

At the request of the Political Parties forming the Juba Alliance, the Panel has agreed to postpone to a later date, the Summit which was scheduled to begin in Khartoum on 18th February 2010, for further consultations. A new date for the Summit will be communicated soon.

The Panel, which is convening the Summit at the request of the Sudanese Parties, will continue to facilitate joint planning meetings with the Parties in order to ensure a successful Summit.

The Panel is convinced that the Summit will contribute positively to promoting the national consensus which will bode well for the democratic transformation of Sudan.

The AUHIP was established by a decision of the AU Peace and Security Council, in October 2010 to assist in the implementation of all aspects of the recommendations of the AU Panel on Darfur, and to support the Sudanese parties in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other related processes.

The Panel has an initial mandate of 1 year, and is continuing its engagement with all the Sudanese Parties in the fulfilment of this mandate.

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