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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 254th 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 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 expense 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.