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STATEMENT

Khartoum, 15 January 2011:

Statement of a Meeting of:

- (a) African Union High-Level Implementation Panel for Sudan
- (b) Government of Sudan
- (c) Government of the United States of America
- (d) UNAMID

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 in order to resolve the Darfur conflict expeditiously, it is necessary to initiate immediately a concurrent and complementary Darfur Political Process in Darfur on the ground.

The process will be convened by the AUHIP and UNAMID. The Government of Sudan and UNAMID have agreed to work together to promote the enabling political and security environment in Darfur for the process.

The participants called upon all rebel movements to re-engage with the Doha process in order to facilitate a speedy conclusion of the negotiations between the belligerents as a key element in bringing bring peace to Darfur.

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