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– Council conclusions

At its meeting on 21 February 2005 the General Affairs and External Relations Council adopted the attached conclusions on Sudan.

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Council conclusions on Sudan

1. Recalling its previous conclusions and declarations on Sudan, the Council welcomes the comprehensive peace agreement signed between the Sudanese government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army and appeals to the Sudanese government and the National Democratic Alliance to sign the final Cairo agreement as soon as possible. The EU exhorts the parties to commit themselves firmly to full and rapid implementation of these agreements, while opening up the political process to the political forces which were not party to the negotiations.
2. The Council is ready to support the implementation of these agreements both politically and by providing financial and technical assistance. The phased release of funds will depend on progress achieved in implementing the peace agreements and the efforts made by the Sudanese government and the other parties concerned to resolve the conflict in Darfur.
3. The Council is seriously concerned at the violations of the cease-fire, not only in the form of hostile military overflights of Darfur but more especially in the form of continuing attacks on civilians and multiple violations of human rights. The Council notes that discussions on the steps to be taken are under way in the United Nations Security Council. The Council is prepared to support an extension of the arms embargo imposed by Resolution 1556 (2004) and any other measures the Security Council might decide on. The Council remains prepared to consider further appropriate measures against those responsible for violations, from whatever side in the conflict, depending on how the situation develops, including the possibility of targeted sanctions.

4. The Council welcomes the report, and especially the recommendations, of the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur. The Council is concerned at the results of the inquiry and the fact that attacks are continuing. The Council resolutely condemns these crimes and stresses the importance of putting an immediate end to impunity in Darfur. The Commission of Inquiry recommends that those responsible should answer for their acts before the International Criminal Court. In this context the Council reaffirms the EU's constant support for the International Criminal Court and reiterates its common position on the International Criminal Court, while noting that it is for the United Nations Security Council to take a rapid decision on this matter.
5. The Council calls on the warring parties in Darfur to observe the N'djamena cease-fire and honour their commitments under the Abuja protocols, among other things by refraining from hostile military overflights of Darfur, and to commit themselves wholeheartedly to efforts to resolve the conflict peacefully.
6. The Council reiterates its political, material and financial support for the African Union, including the provision of personnel, in its efforts to stabilise the situation in Darfur and to promote a negotiated solution. The Council is ready to examine with the AU possible ways of boosting its contribution, taking into account the context of the future United Nations peace-keeping mission to Sudan and the experience recently acquired in EU-AU cooperation.
