DECISION ON THE SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE AGREEMENT (CPA) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUDAN (GoS) AND THE SUDAN PEOPLES’ LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY (SPLM/A)

The Assembly:

1. WELCOMES AND APPLAUDS the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the GoS and the SPLM/A, in Nairobi, Kenya, on 9 January 2005, and CONGRATULATES the Parties for this landmark agreement which brings to an end the longest running conflict in Africa;

2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION for the positive diplomatic and material contributions of the IGAD Member States, and of specially, Kenya, which hosted the long negotiations for the successful conclusion of the Talks;

3. FURTHER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION the diplomatic, financial and political contributions of the international community at large, and of the IGAD Partner’s Forum, in particular, who tirelessly played pivotal roles throughout the negotiations;

4. REMAINS COMMITTED to accompany the Sudanese Parties during the Interim Period as they consolidate their hard-won peace and embark on the difficult tasks of reconciliation and post-conflict reconstruction.