PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
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COMMUNIQUÉ
The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 14th Meeting held on 9 August 2004, under the chairmanship of the Permanent Representative of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, adopted the following Communiqué on the crisis in the Darfur region of the Sudan:

Council,

1. Reaffirms the need for all the Sudanese parties, namely the Government of the Sudan (GoS), the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A), to honour their commitments under the Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement of 8 April 2004 and to comply with the relevant decisions of the African Union;

2. Expresses satisfaction at the announcement of the resumption of the political dialogue between the Sudanese Parties in Abuja, Nigeria, on 23 August 2004. In this connection, Council pays tribute to the Current Chairman of the AU and the Chairperson of the AU Commission for the efforts made;

3. Requests the Sudanese Parties to be represented at the highest level at the Abuja Talks and urges all the AU Member States and Partners to give the necessary support to ensure the success of the Talks;

4. Expresses satisfaction at the progress made in the establishment of the AU Mission in Darfur, including the Protection Force;

5. Reiterates the need for the AU to continue to lead the efforts aimed at solving the crisis obtaining in the Darfur region. In this connection, Council expresses satisfaction at the support which the United Nations, the European Union (EU), the League of Arab States and the bilateral Partners are giving to the AU;

6. Reiterates the urgent need for increased humanitarian assistance to the civilians affected by the crisis;

7. Decides to remain actively seized with the matter.