PRESS STATEMENT ON THE FINALISATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION/UNITED NATIONS JOINT REPORT ON THE HYBRID OPERATION IN DARFUR

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, during its 78th meeting held on 9 June 2007, welcomed the finalization by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their joint report on the hybrid operation in Darfur.

Council looks forward to constructive consultations between the African Union, the United Nations and the Government of the Sudan, at the meeting that is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa on 11 and 12 June 2007, which will pave the way for the speedy deployment of the African Union/United Nations hybrid operation, as had been agreed during the high level consultation held in Addis Ababa on 16 November 2006 and whose conclusions had been endorsed by Council during its 66th meeting, held in Abuja on 30 November 2006, as well as by the United Nations Security Council in its Presidential Statement of 19 December 2006.

Addis Ababa, 9 June 2007