



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Sudan Brussels 13 December 2004

1. The Council has taken note with great concern of the latest report of the UN Secretary General to the UN Security Council. It is seriously concerned about the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in Darfur and calls upon all parties to abide in full by their commitments made in N'djamena and Abuja, in particular the security and humanitarian Protocols.
2. The Council encourages the Government of Sudan and the SPLM/A to conclude the negotiations for a comprehensive peace agreement before the end of the year, as agreed by the Memorandum of Understanding which was endorsed in UN Security Council Resolution 1574. The early conclusion and speedy implementation of such agreement could create a basis for efforts to integrate the other marginalised regions of Sudan and create a new political coalition for peace. The EU expresses its willingness to provide political and material support for the post-conflict reconstruction of Sudan, once peace is restored.
3. The Council condemns attacks and other cease fire violations by all parties in the Darfur conflict and urges them to respect the cease fire agreements. In particular, it condemns the recent SLA attacks on Tawila and the Kalma refugee camp, which led to a serious intensification of hostilities. It also calls on the Government of Sudan to exercise restraint in the face of rebel provocation to avoid further escalation of the violence, including by honouring its commitment to refrain from hostile military flights in and over Darfur. Furthermore, all parties should fulfil without delay their responsibility of providing information to AU/CFC on the respective positions of their forces.
4. The Council recalls its previous conclusions and underlines that the EU will continue to monitor the situation in Darfur and will consider to take appropriate measures which could include sanctions, against the Government of Sudan as well as the rebel groups, in

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accordance with the UNSC Resolution 1556 and 1564, if no tangible progress is achieved in this respect. In this regard, the Council is prepared to consider targeted sanctions.

5. The Council takes note of the announcement by the Government of Sudan that a number of people suspected of human rights violations have been arrested and will be put on trial. The Council encourages the Government of Sudan to provide detailed information to the UN International Commission of Inquiry about these arrests, as well as any other information pertinent to the work of the Commission.
6. The Council welcomes the resumption of the negotiations in Abuja on 10 December and urges parties to the conflict to strive for a political solution for Darfur. In particular, the Council urges the rebel movements to negotiate in good faith and not to delay the negotiation process.
7. The Council expresses its concern on the situation in the eastern regions of Sudan and calls on parties in the region to strive for a peaceful settlement. In particular, the Council notes that the arming of militias was a significant factor in the escalation of the Darfur conflict, and urges the Government of Sudan as well as other parties to abstain from arming militias in the Eastern region.
8. The Council reiterates its support to the efforts of the African Union (AU) to contain and resolve the crisis in Darfur. The EU is contributing both financially (more than 100 million Euro) and in terms of logistics, planning and monitors to AMIS II. The Council recognises that Darfur is a major challenge for the AU and it will continue to assist the AU in addressing this challenge in a spirit of partnership and transparency. The EU recognises the need for AMIS II to rapidly become fully operational and to efficiently fulfil its mandate of pro-active monitoring, in compliance with the decision of the AU Peace and Security Council of 20 October. The EU looks forward to further discussions with the AU on the EU's active engagement in supporting the AU. The Council condemns the attack on an AMIS investigation team on 1 December, which resulted in one member of the team being injured.
9. The Council notes with grave concern that, due to the continuing increase in the number of IDPs, there remains an urgent need for additional humanitarian assistance. In view of the need to raise substantial additional amounts of funding, the EU will consider further increasing the significant humanitarian support it has already provided and encourages other donors to also provide additional support for humanitarian operations. The Council also welcomes the UN's 2005 Work Plan on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for US\$ 1,5 billion for the whole of Sudan, and expresses its intention to make an early and generous contribution to this appeal.

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