

**DECLARATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEACE AND
SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION AND THE
STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the activities of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the AU and the state of peace and security in Africa;
2. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the resolution of the conflicts facing the Continent since its last Summit, in July 2005, in particular the successful conclusion of the transition processes in Burundi, Comoros, Liberia and the achievements recorded in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), including the successful holding of the referendum on 18 December, 2005, Guinea Bissau and Sudan, with respect to the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA);
3. **COMMENDS** the PSC for its work and contribution to the promotion of peace and security in Africa, and **URGES** it to exert renewed efforts to address the scourge of conflicts in Africa. In this respect, the Assembly **REQUESTS** the PSC to put a particular emphasis on conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction;
4. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the achievements of the African Union Mission (AMIS) in Darfur, in spite of the serious financial and logistical constraints facing the Mission and its contribution to the improvement of the security and humanitarian situation. The Assembly **STRESSES** the need for all parties to abide by their commitments as spelt out in the Agreements already signed and to extend full cooperation to the AU-led mediation to facilitate the early and successful conclusion of the Abuja Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the conflict in Darfur;
5. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) and partners for their contribution to AMIS and **URGES** them to continue to support AMIS to enable it perform its mandate;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the peace and reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire and **ENCOURAGES** the Ivorian parties to persevere on the path of dialogue and reconciliation and to extend full cooperation to the International Working Group (IWG) and the day-to-day Mediation;
7. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to all African leaders, the United Nations and the Regional Economic Communities, as well as the AU Partners, for their commitment and contribution to the promotion of peace and security in Africa. The Assembly **FURTHER PAYS TRIBUTE** to all the peace-keepers deployed in the Continent for their sterling efforts and **UNRESERVEDLY CONDEMNS** the

attacks against members of AMIS and UN peace-keepers that resulted, notably, in the killing of Nigerian and Senegalese members of AMIS and Guatemalan UN peace-keepers in the DRC. The Assembly **CONVEYS** Africa's condolences to the bereaved families and the Governments concerned.