

Final Communique of the African Quintet Summit on Darfur

At the initiative of President Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, incumbent Chairman of the African Union and at the kind invitation of brother Muammar Ghaddafi, the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, High Peace Mediator within the space of Sahel-Saharan States, in accordance with the decision of the second ordinary session of the conference of Leaders and Heads of state of CEN-SAD, held in Njamena in February 2000 an African Quintet Summit was held on Darfur on the 17th October 2004 in Tripoli. President Mohammad Husni Mubarek, President of the Republic of Egypt, President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, President Idriss Debbi, President of the Republic of Chad, and I participated in this Summit. Also, Professor Alfa Omar Konary, Chairman of AU Commission attended this Summit.

The Leaders and Heads of State reviewed the situation in Darfur in its different humanitarian, security and social aspects and agreed on the following:

- Express their appreciation for the support provided by the international committee particularly, the organizations operating in the field of humanitarian relief to alleviate the suffering of the people of Darfur and emphasize that this crisis requires further support and solidarity by all concerned parties and call upon the international community to take urgent steps to deal with the critical humanitarian situation in Darfur.

- Express their appreciation for the steps and efforts exerted by the Sudanese Government to improve the humanitarian conditions and for making available the facilities for the smooth flow of aid to Darfur region in addition to cooperating with the international bodies concerned with human rights and stress the need for the international community to consolidate its endeavours with a view to assisting the government of the Sudan to increase its capabilities to address the situation resulting from this problem.

- Welcome the implementation by the Sudanese government of all obligations undertaken in accordance with the agreements signed with the UN Secretary General in Khartoum 3/7/2004. and the work plan signed with the personal representative of the Secretary General in the Sudan 5/8/2004 and express their hope that the government of the Sudan will continue to take the measures demanded by the UN Security Council Resolution No. 1556 & 1564 (2004).

- Stress the pioneering role played by the African Union to resolve the crisis. In this respect the leaders and Heads of state commended the intensive efforts exerted by H.E Olusegun Obasanjo the incumbent chairman of AU for resolving the conflict in Darfur and express their high appreciation for the initiative of Colonel Muammar Ghaddafi Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution for calling to convene this Summit at this critical stage to give momentum and impetus to the efforts made by the African Union, as it constitutes an important pillar in the efforts of the international community to resolve this crisis.

- Welcome the decision of the Government of the Sudan to increase and expand the numbers and duties of the African Union Monitors, and the forces assigned for their protection and to appeal to all African states to provide further assistance and support for the African Union and to make their contributions in this respect and call on the International Community to carry out their pledges at once to support this mission financially and logistically.

- Urge the signing of a protocol for the improvement of the humanitarian situation and to accelerate the reaching of an agreement to consolidate the security situation in Darfur in conformity with the Ndjamená Agreement and to sign the Agreement during the forthcoming round of negotiations scheduled to be held in Abuja 21/10/2004.
- Express their concern over the circulating report on the ongoing violation of the cease fire agreement which was signed between the Sudanese government and the Movement of Justice and Equality, and the Movement for the Liberation of the Sudan, Ndjamená 8/4/2004 and considering that this constitutes an important step to put an end to the suffering which the people of Darfur are under going and encourages the displaced people and refugees to return to their villages.
- Reaffirm their commitment to the sovereignty of the Sudan, its independence, unity and territorial integrity and stress the importance of non-interference in internal affairs in a manner which hampers the efforts exerted to attain stability and security throughout the Sudan.
- Express satisfaction for the progress achieved at Nifasha and hope to overcome the remaining points of disagreement in preparation for reaching a final peace accord, considering that this constitutes an important step towards the achievement of comprehensive peace throughout the Sudan ,including support for the settlement efforts needed for Darfur region.

- Commend the efforts made by Egypt to host the rounds of discussion between the Sudan and the Sudanese National Democratic Gathering in Cairo, given that this dialogue is a preparation paving the way for future meetings aimed at establishing the foundation for peace and stability throughout the Sudan and hail the efforts and contacts made by some of the concerned parties who are concerned with the Sudanese affairs so as to calm the situation in Eastern Sudan .

The Leaders and Heads of state have decided the following:

-The Summit undertakes to continue to follow up the issue of Darfur through contacts among the Leaders and Heads of state and to hold regular meetings.

- Mandate Brother Muammer Ghaddafi, Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution to communicate with all the concerned parties in Darfur and to continue that effort until the reaching of a enduring solution to the problem of Darfur , continuous coordination and in constant consultation with the Leaders and Presidents in the Summit.

- Rejection of any foreign intervention by any country, whatsoever in this pure African issue

- entrusts the foreign Ministers with the setting up of mechanism to follow up the exerted efforts on the ground and within the framework of the African Union and to present it before the Leaders and Heads of states.

- The Arab Republic of Egypt has extended an invitation to convene the first meeting of this mechanism. The invitation has been accepted, and gratitude for this initiative has been expressed.

Done in Tripoli
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