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## AU/UN Joint Special Representative, Rodolphe Adada reviews AMIS transition to UNAMID with Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie

The AU-UN Joint Special Representative and AMIS Head of Mission, Mr. Rodolphe Adada held today a working session with the Assistant to Sudanese President, in charge of the Darfur file, Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie.

During the meeting the two sides reviewed the preparations for the transition of authority from AMIS to UNAMID, clarifying issues concerning the function of some AU mechanisms after the transition, such as the Ceasefire Commission (CFC) and the Joint Commission.

Dr. Nafie reiterated his government's commitment to the smooth transfer of authority from AMIS to UNAMID and to cooperation with the Mission to carry out its mandate.

On this occasion, Mr. Adada launched an appeal for cessation of hostilities by all Sudanese parties on the eve of UNAMID deployment, particularly during this holy period, when Muslims and Christians will be celebrating Eid Aladha and Christmas.

He added that such cessation of hostilities would allow the Sudanese people in general, and Darfurians in particular, to celebrate the Eid in peace and tranquility, and this will in turn create the environment conducive to the success of the ongoing peace process.

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