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**Joint Press Statement by
Special Envoy of the African Union for Darfur
Salim Ahmed Salim
and United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Darfur
Jan Eliasson
on their Joint Mission to Sudan**

Khartoum, 12 February 2007: Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, the Special Envoy of the African Union for Darfur, and Mr. Jan Eliasson, the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Darfur, have arrived to Khartoum for a five-day joint mission to Sudan. The joint mission, the first to be carried out by the two officials since their appointment, is part of UN/AU efforts to re-energize the Darfur political process as agreed upon at the High Level Consultation held in Addis Ababa and the African Union Peace and Security Council Summit held in Abuja in November 2006.

The two Envoys are expected to hold a series of meetings in Khartoum and Darfur with signatories and non-signatories to the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA), to whom they will be delivering a strong message: the urgent need to have a cessation of hostilities on the ground, to facilitate the humanitarian operations and to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population, and by this to create the conditions for a credible and all-inclusive political process.

The two Envoys will be emphasizing to their interlocutors the sense of urgency both the UN and the AU believe should be adopted by all parties to bring about a speedy settlement of the Darfur crisis. They will stress the high priority given to Darfur by both UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Chairperson of the AU Commission Alpha Oumar Konaré as well as the UN Security Council the AU Peace and Security Council.

The two Envoys are hopeful that their talks with all concerned would result in a tangible reduction of violence and preparedness for resumption of serious political dialogue that would pave the way to the all-inclusive political process referred to in the Conclusions of Addis Ababa High Consultation and the AU Peace and Security Council Summit decisions.

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