



PRESS RELEASE NO. 027/2005**THE AFRICAN UNION RAISES 291,585, 000.00 USD FROM
THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN UNION
MISSION IN THE SUDAN (AMIS)**

The Pledging Conference on financial and logistical support for the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) convened, on 26 May 2005, by the African Union (AU) at its Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, ended successfully, with pledges from AU partners, as well as some AU Member States totaling 291,585,000.00 USD. This amount is a first estimate of financial pledges, without the contributions in kind, which are being tallied.

Canada, which has pledged around 133 millions USD, was the biggest donor, followed by the EU and the USA, which, respectively, pledged to contribute for 77,400,000.00 USD and 50,000,000.00 USD to support the AU. Ghana and Mauritania also made pledges to support the African Union Mission in Sudan.

Co-chaired by the Chairperson of the AU Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Conference saw the participation of high-level delegations from AU Partners, as well as representatives of the AU Member States.

The Conference is a follow-up to the decision of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of 28 April 2005, which authorized the enhancement of AMIS and also requested the Commission to engage all potential contributors within the international community to mobilize the necessary additional support. The decision of the PSC was informed by the recommendations submitted to it by the Chairperson of the Commission, based on the outcome of the Joint Assessment mission that was undertaken to Darfur, from 10 to 22 March 2005, by a team composed of representatives of the AU and its Partners.

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