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AU DELEGATION LEAVES FOR DARFUR

An African Union delegation led by the Commissioner for Peace and Security, Amb. Said Djinnit, will leave Addis Ababa this Thursday, 2 June 2005, for a two-day working visit to Darfur, Sudan, to assess the humanitarian situation. Commissioner Djinnit is leading a delegation comprising the Commissioner for Political Affairs, a team from the AU Commission representatives of some AU Member States, as well as representatives of AU partners and the media

On that occasion, the Commissioner will convene a meeting with the NGO community on 4 June 2005, in the premises of the headquarters of the African Union Mission (AMIS) in El Fasher, to discuss the humanitarian situation in Darfur.

This visit to Darfur follows the AU led Assessment Mission in Darfur, from 10 to 22 March 2005, and the decision of the 28th meeting of the PSC, held on 28 April, 2005, which decided that AMIS strength should be increased to a total of 6,171 military personnel, with an appropriate civilian component, including up to 1,560 civilian police personnel, by the end of September 2005.

Addis Ababa, 2 June 2005