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THE INTER-SUDANESE PEACE TALKS ON DARFUR WILL RESUME ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2005

The sixth session of the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the conflict in Darfur, will be convened in Abuja, Nigeria, on 15 September 2005. The negotiations on the substantive issues of Power Sharing, Wealth Sharing and Security Arrangements, will be preceded by workshops for the participants.

The decision to resume the Talks in Abuja was taken following three days of consultations undertaken by the Special Envoy and Chief Mediator, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim and the three Parties – the Government of the Sudan, the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army in the Tanzanian coastal city of Bagomoyo and Dar-es-Salaam. It also follows the broad consultations, which the Special Envoy has had with the International Partners and other stakeholders.

The African Union appeals to all the Parties, the Facilitators, and Observers to ensure effective participation at the Talks, at the highest level, in order to facilitate a speedy resolution of the conflict in Darfur.

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