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THE SIXTH ROUND OF THE INTER-SUDANESE PEACE TALKS GETS UNDERWAY IN ABUJA, NIGERIA, WITH CONSULTATIONS AND BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE PARTNERS AND THE PARTIES

The sixth Round of the African Union-sponsored Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on Darfur, which formally opened on Thursday 15 September 2005, in Abuja, Nigeria, got underway with the Mediation Team holding consultations and bilateral meetings with the Partners and the Parties.

According to a programme designed by the Mediation Team and agreed to by the Parties, the discussion on the substantive issues of Power Sharing, Wealth Sharing and Security Arrangements will be preceded by Workshops and Seminars on those issues. The Seminars and Workshops, which will be open-ended to all the Parties, will be conducted by African and Non-African Experts. Two days will be spent on each of the main themes of Power Sharing, Wealth Sharing and Security Arrangements, which will be covered during the negotiations. The Workshops will begin tomorrow, Sunday 18 September 2005 at 9:00 AM.

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