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**AU DONATES US\$ 60,000 TO ASSIST
SUDANESE REFUGEES IN CHAD**

Representing the Commissioner for Political Affairs, the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, Ms. Rosebud Kurwijila on 10 June 2004, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Commission of African Union, Mr. Alpha Oumar Konare, handed over a cheque of US\$60,000.00 (United States Dollars Sixty thousand only) to Mr. Ilunga Ngandu, UNHCR Regional Representative in Ethiopia for financial assistance to the Government of Chad for Sudanese refugees.

The money will be used to drill water bore holes for the Sudanese refugees in the camps in Chad.

During the handing-over, Ms Rosebud Kurwijila recalled that the financial contribution was a follow-up to the assessment humanitarian mission of the AU Commission on Refugees together with the Commission that took place in February 2004. It is a reflection of the concern, which AU continues to express over the humanitarian situations with African countries hosting refugees. It is therefore the hope of AU that the international community would support the AU efforts and provide the needed assistance to the Government of Chad in order to cope with the problems of refugees, in particular the influx of Sudanese refugees in the country.

Addis Ababa, 10 June, 2004