



CANNES DECLARATION

At the initiative of Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, a working meeting on the regional dimension of the Darfur crisis was held in Cannes on 15 February 2007, bringing together:

- the President of Sudan,
- the President of Chad,
- the President of the Central African Republic,

Hereinafter referred to as the participants ,

Under the chairmanship of the President of Ghana, Chairman of the African Union

In the presence of:

- the President of Egypt,
- the President of Gabon,
- the President of Congo,

Whereas relations between Sudan, Chad and the Central African Republic have deteriorated in recent months,

Resolved to encourage an active political dialogue with a view to strengthening regional stability and fostering, through good neighbourly relations,

Referring to the relevant provisions of the Darfur Peace Agreement (Abuja, Mai 2006), the agreement to settle the dispute between the Republic of Chad and the Republic of Sudan (Tripoli, 8 February 2006), the minutes of the meeting between the authorities of Chad and Sudan (N'Djamena, 25 July 2006), the high-level conclusions between the African Union, the United Nations Organization and the Government of Sudan (Addis Ababa, 16 November 2006), the communiqué of the 66th meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council (30 November 2006), the statements by the President of the United Nations Security Council (53rd of 15 December 2006 and 55th of 19 December 2006), the letters from the United Nations Secretary-General to the President of Sudan (18 December 2006 and 24 January 2007), and the written response from the President of Sudan to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (23 December 2006),



The participants declare as follows:

- 1) **We reiterate our commitment to respect sovereignties and not to support armed movements, in accordance with the Tripoli Agreement.**
- 2) **We call for the establishment of active consultation bodies bringing together Sudan, Chad and the Central African Republic.**
- 3) **We support continued engagement of the United Nations Organization and the African Union.**

Participants:

- **Mr Omer Hassan Ahmed al Bashir**, President of the Republic of Sudan
- **Mr Idriss Deby Itno**, President of the Republic of Chad
- **Mr François Bozize**, President of the Central African Republic

Under the chairmanship of

- **Mr John Agyekum Kufuor**, President of the Republic of Ghana,
Chairman-in-Office of the African Union
- **Mr Jacques Chirac**, President of the French Republic
- **Mr Mohammed Hosni Mubarak**, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba**, President of the Gabonese Republic
- **Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso**, President of the Republic of the Congo

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