

24th Conference of the Heads of State of Africa and France

Regional Dimension of the Darfur Crisis

Cannes Declaration

Cannes, 15 February 2007

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 and 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 good neighbourly relations,

Referring to the relevant provisions of the Darfur Peace Agreement (Abuja, May 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 Peace and Security Council of the African Union (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 Secretary-General of the United Nations 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 the sovereignty of each country and not to support the armed movements in conformity 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.

The participants:

Mr Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan

Mr Idriss Déby, President of the Republic of Chad

Mr François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic

Under the chairmanship of

Mr John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana, Chairman of the African Union

Mr Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

Mr Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Mr El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Republic of Gabon

Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo./.

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