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THE AFRICAN UNION WELCOMES THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE AU ROADMAP ON THE SITUATION BETWEEN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

Addis Ababa, 3 May 2012: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, welcomes the adoption by the United Nations Security Council, on 2 May 2012, of resolution 2046 (2012) by which this organization fully supports the communiqué of the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) of 24 April 2012 on the situation between Sudan and South Sudan and the Roadmap contained therein. This resolution is in response to the request made by the PSC for the Security Council to endorse the Roadmap of 24 April 2012 and support the action of the AU.

The Chairperson of the Commission expresses the high appreciation of the AU to the President and the members of the Security Council, as well as to the UN Secretary-General, for their support and commitment to a speedy and negotiated solution to the outstanding issues. He considers the adoption of resolution 2046 (2012) as another illustration of the close partnership existing between the AU and the UN, particularly between the Security Council and the PSC, in the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa.

Within the framework of the PSC communiqué of 24 April 2012 and the relevant provisions of resolution 2046 (2012), the AU Commission will cooperate closely with the UN Secretary-General and the Security Council for the implementation of the Roadmap.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the appeal of the AU to the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan to cooperate fully in the implementation of the AU Roadmap, which has the full support of the United Nations and the international community as a whole.

