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SUBJECT: Darfur: Bi-Weekly Progress Report

Attached is the bi-weekly progress report on Darfur, issued October 26, 2004. Please pass to the Deputies.

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**Executive Secretary** 

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# Accelerated Expansion of the AU Monitoring Mission Date: OCT 0 4 2017

- The AU Peace and Security Council approved the AU expansion plan on October 20 in Addis Ababa. We expect to begin U.S. airlist operations on October 28.
- Secretary Powell and other senior principals are pressing African and European leaders for funding and equipment (vehicles, commo equipment, catering, salaries) for an accelerated deployment of the expanded African Union (AU) Monitoring Mission in Darfur. We continue our regular donor coordination conference calls.
- AU Chairman Konare has asked that we begin the airlift operation soon.
   Two C130s will be able to take in the first contingent of forces to Darfur starting Oct. 28. Australia has offered C130s to carry additional Rwandan or other personnel when needed.
- Rwandan President Kagame told President Obasanjo the Rwandan battalion would be ready for transport to Darfur on October 25. A EUCOM team is in Kigali to support deployment preparations, and is in transit to Nigeria to support the airlift of Nigerian troops if needed.
- The AU is working with the GOS to ensure full cooperation with the accelerated timetable. Slow visa-processing and customs delays are hindering contractor support for the accelerated deployment. We are pressing the GOS through AU and Embassy diplomatic channels. Our inability to help the Embassy of Sudan in Washington to obtain normal banking services is frustrating efforts to obtain full GOS cooperation.
- The AU approved base camp set-up and logistics ramp-up for the expanded
  Mission and State contractors PAE and Dyncorp are putting preparations in
  place to support additional observers and protection forces (camps, transport,
  water). The AU has not finalized details for catering, medical and fuel

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services, but has broached the notion of a short-term contract with PAB and appears prepared to follow through.

 Canada is using its \$15 million pledge to lease 18 helicopters through August 2005. We expect they will place the helicopters on contract within the next several days. EU, UK, Dutch, Belgians, Germans, and Australians have all indicated willingness to support mission. We are working with donors to ensure mission critical needs are met.

### North-South Negotiations

- The IGAD-led Sudan peace talks resumed October 7 in Nairobi, Kenya. Before departing on October 16, the Principals resolved several ceasefire issues and agreed to allow technical committees to work on remaining issues and also to commence work on the final annex on implementation modalities,
- In an October 16 joint press statement, Taha and Garang pledged to return to the negotiations after Ramadan to finalize the comprehensive peace agreement.
- National government financing of the SPLA units in the south was the most contentious issue, and it remains unresolved. We will continue to press the parties through senior level dialogue to urgently bring these talks to closure.

# United Nations Security Council Mission to the IGAD talks

 Ambassador Danforth formally proposed to the UNSC on October 8 a UNSC meeting in mid-November at the north-south talks. The UNSC adopted Resolution 1569 on October 26 approving a meeting in Kenya on November 18-19. Because a north-south accord is key to a political solution on Darfur, this meeting would serve to apply maximum pressure on the parties to rapidly complete the comprehensive agreement. UNSC members generally support the concept but with varying degrees of enthusiasm. Via the NSC, DOD has agreed to furnish transport for Council members for this trip.

#### **Humanitarian** Access

On October 12, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator stated that security has deteriorated in Darfur during the past month, driving an additional 220,000 people from their homes. DECLASSIFIED IN FULL

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- Although the provision of humanitarian services has increased, a series of
  assessments indicates an alarming situation in the camps for IDPs and serious
  potential for a long-term crisis. A WHO study determined that global acute
  malnutrition (GAM) rates in Darfur are 21.8 percent<sup>1</sup> and overall severe acute
  malnutrition (SAM) rates are 3.9 percent. The study also found serious
  micronutrient deficiencies.
- OCHA has worked out an arrangement with the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A) on humanitarian principles and notification requirements in order to allow humanitarian organizations to travel into SLM/A-held areas in Darfur.
- In September, WFP reached more than 1.3 million people, exceeding the target of 1.2 million. Using a combination of trucks, aircraft, and trains, WFP delivered a total of 21,535 metric tons (MT) of food aid.
- In FY04/05 to date, the U.S. has provided \$302 million in humanitarian assistance, including \$75 million in assistance to Darfur refugees in castern Chad (where humanitarian access is not an issue, apart from logistics).
- Although we cannot corroborate this number, we are alarmed by the World Health Organizations' October 16 report that 70,000 people have died in internally displaced persons camps since March 2004.

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The GAM emergency threshold is 15 percent per U.N. World Health Organization guidelines.

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