

**DECISION ON THE SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE
AGREEMENT (CPA) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUDAN (GoS)
AND THE SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY (SPLM/A)**

The Assembly:

1. **WELCOMES AND APPLAUDS** the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the GoS and the SPLM/A, in Nairobi, Kenya, on 9 January 2005, and **CONGRATULATES** the Parties for this landmark agreement which brings to an end the longest running conflict in Africa;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** for the positive diplomatic and material contributions of the IGAD Member States, and of specially, Kenya, which hosted the long negotiations for the successful conclusion of the Talks;
3. **FURTHER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** the diplomatic, financial and political contributions of the international community at large, and of the IGAD Partner's Forum, in particular, who tirelessly played pivotal roles throughout the negotiations;
4. **REMAINS COMMITTED** to accompany the Sudanese Parties during the Interim Period as they consolidate their hard-won peace and embark on the difficult tasks of reconciliation and post-conflict reconstruction.