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### **EU support to the African Union Mission in Darfur - AMIS**

The EU and its Member States have been providing a wide range of support to the African Union's (AU) efforts to help stabilise the situation in Darfur since January 2004. This support has included financial, personnel and political support to the Abuja talks process and the Ceasefire Commission.

It also includes support to the AU Mission in the Darfur region of Sudan (AMIS) through the provision of equipment and assets, planning and technical assistance, military observers, training of African troops and civilian police officers and strategic transportation (EU civilian-military supporting action).

- ▶ EU personnel currently deployed to AMIS II includes 31 police officers, 16 military experts, and 2 military observers. In addition, 3 military staff, one police officer and one political advisor have been deployed to Addis Ababa to support the EU Special Representative for Sudan (see below) in his contacts and cooperation with the AU.
- ▶ In the same period, EU Member States have provided coordinated strategic airlift for well over 2,000 African Union personnel. The provision of airlift continues in 2007.
- ▶ The EU has committed a total of EUR 242 million from the African Peace Facility in support of AMIS since June 2004. This has provided the funds necessary to pay personnel costs including salaries, allowances, insurance, travel, rations and medical costs. Additional funding is being considered.
- ▶ Additionally, EU Member States have made substantial bilateral contributions - financial as well as the provision of expertise, equipment, food rations, airlift, etc. The estimated amount of Member States' support to AMIS is approximately EUR 160 million, taking the overall EU contribution to AMIS to some EUR 400 million for the period 2004-2006.
- ▶ Since July 2005, the EU has a Special Representative (EUSR) for Sudan. The EUSR, currently Mr Torben Brylle, who was appointed in May 2007, ensures coordination and coherence of the EU's contributions to AMIS. He is assisted by a team of EU military and police advisers in Addis Ababa.