



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on the Roadmap for Sudan and South Sudan

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

1. "The EU reiterates its strong support for the AU Roadmap for Sudan and South Sudan and UN Security Council Resolution 2046 (2012) and urges the Parties to implement the Roadmap/UNSCR 2046 fully and unconditionally within the given timeframe.
2. This Roadmap has already led to some positive results, including a significant reduction in hostilities along the border, the withdrawal of Sudanese and South Sudanese forces from Abyei - with the exception of the Sudanese oil police - and the resumption of talks between the parties under the auspices of the AU High Level Implementation Panel. It is imperative that the Parties now take the remaining steps set out in the Roadmap/UNSCR to resolve all outstanding issues by the 2nd of August deadline set by UNSCR 2046. In this context, the EU welcomes the meeting of the Presidents of Sudan and South Sudan on 14 July.
3. Sudan and South Sudan stand at an important crossroads. Full implementation of the Roadmap/UNSCR would open up a much more positive perspective for both countries, in terms of good neighbourly relations between Sudan and South Sudan and improved relations with the rest of the international community, including the European Union, allowing it to consider further support. Non-compliance, on the other hand, would have negative consequences, including possible appropriate measures under Article 41 of the UN Charter. The EU calls on the Governments of both Sudan and South Sudan to rise to the occasion and demonstrate the leadership necessary to build a strong and mutually beneficial relationship between their two countries.

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4. The EU is deeply concerned about the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile. The EU urges the Government of Sudan to implement the provisions on Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile in the Roadmap/UNSCR and, in particular, permit immediate unhindered humanitarian access for international humanitarian agencies to the affected civilian populations in these areas.
5. The EU calls on the Government of Sudan and SPLM/North to resume talks without further delay in order to reach a negotiated political settlement to the conflict in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile on the basis of the 28 June 2011 Framework Agreement and with a view to an inclusive national dialogue that meets the needs and aspirations of all Sudanese citizens within an open and democratic framework.
6. The EU supports the promotion by the AU of a holistic approach to the quest for peace, justice and reconciliation and to prioritise democratisation in both Sudan and South Sudan, as a sine qua non for stability and equitable governance."
