Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), welcomed today's appointment by the Council of Mr Pekka Haavisto as the European Union Special Representative for Sudan:

"I am delighted that the Council has appointed Pekka Haavisto as the EU’s Special Representative for Sudan, on the basis of my recommendation. This appointment post reflects the EU's increasingly active involvement in the international efforts to contain and resolve the Darfur crisis.

Ambassador Haavisto's role will be to help achieve a political settlement of this conflict in Darfur and to ensure maximum effectiveness of the Union's contribution to the African Union's mission to Sudan. He will also work to facilitate implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A).

He has my full support and I look forward to working with him."

The Council today took the formal political decision to appoint Mr Pekka Haavisto as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Sudan. Its decision reflects the Union's wish to strengthen its political role in the Darfur crisis and to ensure consistency between the Union's support for the crisis-management operation in Darfur - led by the African Union - and its overall political relations with Sudan.

Pekka Haavisto, who was born in Finland in 1958, is a former Finnish minister for Environment and Development Cooperation and a former Member of the Finnish Parliament. He is currently Chair of the UN Environment Programme Great Lakes Task Force, a member of the Helsinki City Council and a spokesperson for the European Greens.

Annex: background information and résumé of Pekka Haavisto, and Factsheet on Amis II
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

The role of the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) will be to contribute to achieving the EU's policy objectives in Sudan, which include:

- efforts, as part of the international community and in support of the African Union and the UN, to achieve a political settlement of the conflict in Darfur as well as to facilitate the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and to promote South-South dialogue;

- ensuring maximum effectiveness and visibility of the Union's contribution to the African Union Mission to Sudan (AMIS).

To further these objectives, the EUSR will:

- liaise with the AU, the Government of Sudan and other Sudanese parties as well as non-governmental organisations, and maintain close collaboration with the UN and other relevant international actors;

- represent the Union at the Abuja political talks, at high level meetings of the Joint Commission and at other relevant meetings;

- ensure coherence between the Union's contribution to crisis management in Darfur and the overall political relationship of the Union with Sudan;

- with regard to human rights, including the rights of children and women, and the fight against impunity in Sudan, follow the situation and maintain regular contacts with the Sudanese authorities, the AU and the UN, in particular with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the human rights observers active in the region and the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

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Mr. Haavisto is a former Finnish Minister for Environment and Development Co-operation. He has been a member of the Finnish Parliament and is currently a member of the Helsinki City Council and a spokesperson for the European Greens.

Mr. Pekka Haavisto has chaired several post-conflict assessments for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). These include assessments in the Balkans after the Kosovo conflict, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, in Liberia and in the Palestinian Occupied Territories. He has also chaired the United Nations Environment Programme’s depleted uranium assessment work. He is currently also responsible for UNEP’s assessment work in the Great Lakes area.

Mr. Haavisto has recently facilitated talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority as well as between Iran and Iraq on re-establishing cross-border environmental cooperation.

He has also been a member of the UN Global Compact Dialogue, a member of Professor Jeffrey Sachs’ Millennium Project Task Force and a Member of the Panel of Eminent Personalities on desertification prior to the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development, WSSD.

He has chaired the review of the Arctic Council and is currently chairing the external evaluation of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, UNECE.

He has been a Visiting Researcher at the Finnish Institute for International Affairs and a Visiting Professor to the University of Bristol. He is a Visiting Lecturer to the University of Helsinki and to the NATO School in Oberammergau.

Mr. Haavisto has been a parliamentary delegate to the Nordic Council and an election observer for the OSCE in Estonia and in Russia. As Minister for Development Co-operation, he was a Governor of the Asian Development Bank and a Deputy Governor to the World Bank.

He was born in 1958. He speaks Finnish, English, Swedish and French (basics).
Darfur - Consolidated EU package in support of AMIS II

Since January 2004, the EU and its Member States have been providing a wide range of support to the African Union (AU) efforts to help stabilise the situation in Darfur. The support includes financial, personnel and political support to the Abuja talks process and the Ceasefire Commission, and planning, technical, financial and equipment support to AMIS I and AMIS II.

Building on the existing EU support, the Secretary General/High Representative Javier Solana presented a consolidated EU package of additional measures to support AMIS II enhancement at the International Pledging Conference in Addis Ababa on 26 May 2005. These additional measures are:

- support to the military component of AMIS II: provision of equipment and assets; provision of planning and technical assistance to all AMIS II levels of command; provision of additional military observers; training of African troops and observers forming part of AMIS II enhancement; strategic and tactical transportation;

- support to police (CIVPOL) component of AMIS II: support for the AMIS CIVPOL chain of command; support for the training of CIVPOL personnel; EU support to the development of a police unit within the secretariat of the AU.

In providing this offer to the African Union, the EU will seek transparency and complementarity with its partners and major contributors of the international community.

The following elements represent a more detailed basis for the consolidated EU package in support of AMIS II.

Support in the area of Police:

- Reinforcing the AMIS II CIVPOL through the deployment of EU police officers throughout the chain of command (Senior police advisors to: The African Union in Addis Ababa, the office of the AMIS Head of Mission in Khartoum, the office of the Police Commissioner in El Fasher, the three Regional Headquarters and the eight Sector Headquarters);
- In-Mission Training for all categories of AMIS CIVPOL Personnel through the establishment of 3 training courses conducted by EU trainers: senior command staff management training, train-the-trainers courses and post-deployment courses for all CIVPOL personnel in the eight sectors;
- Assistance to the AU in Addis Ababa in developing its longer term capacity to plan and conduct police operations by providing support to the development of a police unit within the Secretariat of the AU.

Planning and Technical Experts:

- Work with AU Member States to select experienced African officers for the AMIS II Chain of Command and to provide financing for them;
- Provide operational and logistic planners for AMIS headquarters in Addis Ababa, Khartoum and El Fasher.

Airlift:

- Provision of strategic and tactical airlifts and airlift co-ordination to assist with AMIS II expansion and Force rotation.
  - Strategic:
    Lift of African troops in co-ordination with African Troop Contributing Countries and NATO (pending further contributions).
  - In-theatre transport:
    Tactical lift 2-4 rotations per week, (deployment, including of logistic assets, sustainment);
    Offered aircraft (two An 2; two C212).

Logistic Support:

- Provision of vehicles, communications equipment, mobile generators and other required materiel; (water road tankers and medical supplies, personnel equipment sets);
- Provision of logistic planners to augment the AU-led Logistic Support Co-ordination Structure at all three levels (DITF in Addis Ababa, Mission HQ in Khartoum and Force HQ at El Fasher).

Training, Assistance and Advisory Teams:

- Provision of teams to assist AMIS II in preparing the additional personnel and those rotated, pending further contributions;
  - Training already identified in particular for the Senegalese Battalion in early July and Nigerian component mid-June;
  - Support to the development and execution of the UN-led MAPEX exercise in August 2005;
  - Training of pilots for the offered aircraft (two AN 2, two C212s).

Media Support:

- Assistance to the AU to develop the AU media strategy.
MILOBS:

- Provision of the Vice-Chairman of the Cease Fire Commission
- Provision of additional monitors.

Financial:

- Provision of financial support, pending further contributions;
  - At least additional 1 million Euros for civilian aspects to be updated later,
  - 57 million Euro still available from the African Peace Facility to support the enhancement of AMIS II (salaries, rations for soldiers, fuel and insurance).