The Council adopted the following conclusions:

1. "The Council welcomes the largely peaceful conduct of the recent elections as an important step in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and commends the people of the Sudan for having participated actively. The EU deployed one of its largest observer missions in recognition of this important event in the democratic transformation process in Sudan.

2. While noting the complexity of the elections, the Council expresses concern about the deficiencies in relation to international standards and also in the counting and aggregation of results as identified by the EU Electoral Observation Mission. The Council calls upon the Sudanese authorities to address these shortfalls in time to prepare for future voting processes in light of the EOM's recommendations in its final report.

3. The Council calls upon all authorities, parties and other stakeholders to respect the Sudanese Electoral Law and the legal procedures for electoral complaints and to honor the Code of Conduct and the Declaration on Common Commitments.

4. The Council calls upon all parties to fully respect the CPA, to spare no efforts to establish a broad political basis in view of the final implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, to urgently address the remaining issues and to abstain from any unilateral initiatives which might destabilize this process.
5. The Council reaffirms the EU’s continuous commitment to supporting the full implementation of the CPA, including the holding of the referendum in Abyei, the popular consultations in Southern Kordofan and the Blue Nile and the referendum on self-determination of South Sudan in January 2011.

6. The Council encourages all Sudanese stakeholders to advance preparations for popular consultations and the referenda as well as for the necessary arrangements for the time thereafter. It underlines the importance of the International Community pursuing a coherent approach in this crucial transition phase. In this respect, the EU will closely cooperate with key international and regional partners, including the UN, AU and IGAD and supports the AU High Level Implementation Panel led by former President Thabo Mbeki.

7. The Council recalls its continued political and financial engagement in Sudan, including through development assistance, for the benefit of the Sudanese population. The EU is committed to maintaining a high level of humanitarian aid in response to the needs on the ground and urges all parties to allow unimpeded access.

8. Regarding the situation in Darfur, the Council recognizes the progress achieved in the Doha peace process under the leadership of AU/UN Chief Mediator, Djibril Bassolé. It encourages all parties, including civil society, to make decisive progress post elections towards an inclusive and comprehensive peace agreement which addresses the root causes of conflict.

9. The Council recalls that impunity for the most serious crimes under international law can never be accepted. The Council reiterates its support for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and calls upon the GoS to cooperate fully with the ICC in accordance with its obligations under international law."