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Statement by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton, on Sudan

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative welcomes the progress made in the AU-led negotiations on a framework agreement between North and South Sudan. She welcomes the efforts of the AU High Level Implementation Panel under the aegis of former President Mbeki. The High Representative stresses the need for all parties to remain constructively engaged in this process in order to come to a final agreement in due course, including on the Abyei issue. She welcomes this as a positive sign for the holding of a peaceful referendum."

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