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**PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 49TH PEACE AND
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE SITUATION IN CHAD**

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 49th meeting, held on 13 April 2006, considered the situation in Chad and decided as follows:

Council,

1. **Expresses** its grave concern at the prevailing situation in Chad;
2. **Strongly condemns** the attacks perpetrated by rebel movements in Chad, as an unacceptable attempt to overthrow the current Government through unconstitutional means. Council also **strongly condemns** the incursions of armed elements into Sudanese refugee camps in Chad and other acts contrary to international humanitarian law;
3. **Stresses** the need for the Government of Chad to urgently initiate a dialogue with all the political forces in the country, with a view to finding a consensual solution to the problems facing Chad and to consolidating the democratic process in the country. In this respect, Council **encourages** the Chairperson of the Commission, to do his utmost to facilitate such a dialogue;
4. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter and **requests** the Commission to continue to follow closely the situation and to report to it as soon as possible.