**Security Council**

 Briefing on ICC/Sudan

 June 27th, 2015

 Statement

Mr. President,

We welcome the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mrs. Fatou Bensouda; we thank Mrs. Bensouda for the briefing on the current judicial activities of the Court and on the situation in Darfur, as contained in the 21st report submitted to the Security Council, pursuant to Resolution 1593 (2005).

We took note of the report´s contents, describing persistent violations of human rights and a dire humanitarian situation in Darfur, with crimes allegations that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, about which the international community must take a clear stand.

We strongly urge the parties involved in the conflict to put an end to the hostilities by engaging a meaningful political dialogue, conducive to negotiations for a just, global and lasting peace in the Darfur and in Sudan as a whole.

Security Council resolution 1593 emphasizes the need to promote healing and reconciliation, and encourages the creation of institutions involving all sectors of Sudanese Society in order to strengthen, with the support of the African Union and the international community, the efforts to restore long-lasting peace in Darfur.

Thus, the international community is stringent called to assist the Sudanese people, in solving their differences through dialogue.

Mr. President,

The ICC Report expresses the position taken on the specific case of not arresting the Sudanese President by Ethiopia and South Africa, which was primarily based on the African Union´s decision of calling the African member States to retain their right, taking into account the importance to preserve and safeguard the dignity, sovereignty and integrity of the African Continent.

The request of the African Union to the Security Council to defer the proceedings initiated against President Omar al Bashir of Sudan has neither been heard nor acted upon by the Security Council.

The refusal of the Security Council to act on the African Union´s request, forced the African Union to reserve its cooperation with the International Criminal Court, related to the immunities, for the arrest and surrender of President Omar Al Bashir of Sudan.

We appeal, in this connection, the Security Council to consider the request of the African Union for a more constructive relationship between the African Union and the ICC.

Angola will uphold the position of the African Union on this issue, while advocating for dialogue and negotiations, as the only way to solve political disputes, in Darfur, in Sudan, and elsewhere.

Finally, we call on all the Sudanese parties, in particular those involved in the conflict in Darfur, to accept making sacrifices, concessions and to negotiate in good faith a peace settlement establishing accountability, justice, and lasting peace in Darfur.