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Sudan: peace process to be complemented before 2010 elections, says Louis Michel

Ahead of Sudan's 2010 elections, Louis Michel met in Luanda a delegation of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly. The provisions of the January 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that still need to be implemented were discussed during that meeting. Louis Michel called for an ACP-EU parliamentary mission be sent to Sudan beginning of 2010.

Louis Michel reaffirmed his support to the Southern Assembly (SSLA) in a meeting that took place during the 18th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Luanda.

The SSLA told the co-president of the ACP-EU JPA that:

The North-South border has not been demarcated yet despite the economic, social, security and political implications for the upcoming 2010 elections and the referendum of 2011. Despite the ruling in July 2009 by the Arbitration Court in the Hague on the Abyei border, the demarcation has not been done yet.

The lack of transparency in the implementation of the Wealth Sharing Protocol as stipulated in the CPA was also pointed out.

The referendum law has not been passed yet. The NCP is proposing a condition of 90% of voter turn out, and 67% for South-North separation, as opposed to the simple majority stipulated in the CPA.

Security, media and human rights laws need to be amended before the elections but have not been tabled to Parliament yet.

Support is still given to the Lord's Resistance Army and other armed groups in Southern Sudan, causing instability and insecurity, according to the SSLA delegation.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/acp/60_18/default_en.htm

Link to website of the ACP/EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

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