

Mission statement of Torben Brylle

Darfur is on our minds and so it should be! The human tragedy is still unfolding. Darfur requires constant and full attention.

This was my fundamental assumption when I took over the position of the European Union's Special Representative for Sudan in May 2007. To bring the EU's considerable influence and wide range of policy instruments to bear in support of a peaceful and stable Sudan where human suffering and degradation is replaced by a perspective of dignity and development.

The people of Darfur need security, peace, respect for their rights, and a viable perspective for their lives. We, as members of the international community, should - through a collective effort - do our utmost to bring an end to the tragedy in Darfur.

The Sudanese have demonstrated that they can bring serious conflicts to an end. The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) between the North and the South proves this - after years of war and unimaginable suffering. But agreements must be implemented to secure lasting peace. The CPA is in this respect fundamental for the future of Sudan, and we, as the international community, should not waver in our efforts to press for and support its full implementation in good faith by all parties.

The importance of Sudan for peace and stability in the region and beyond is crucial. Neighbouring countries are directly affected. Critical humanitarian and security situations prevail in regions close to Darfur. The European Union and the wider international community must respond, but also make it clear that destabilising activities across borders are not acceptable.

A Sudan in crisis is a matter for the European Union. The international community must collectively engage with those who have the responsibility and capability to bring the conflict in Darfur to an end and to secure a full implementation of the agreement between the North and the South.

As the European Union's Special Representative for Sudan it is my mission – under the authority of the EU's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana – to deal with the complex nexus of issues – humanitarian, political, security – spanning a wide spectrum of issues related to Sudan. Since December 2007, my mandate has been extended to cover, in addition to Sudan, the EU military operation EUFOR Tchad/RCA in eastern Chad and north-eastern Central African Republic.