

Addis Ababa, December 17 (WIC) - The African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) on Friday expressed concern on the non-implementation by the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan of the agreements reached on 27 September 2012, AU press statement sent to ENA on Saturday said.

The two parties failed to implement the Agreement on Security Arrangements, the Framework Agreement on the Status of Nationals of the Other State, the Agreement on Border Issues, the Agreement on Trade and Trade-related Issues, the Agreement on a Framework for Cooperation on Central Banking Issues, among others.

The Council reminded the two parties of their responsibilities to implement the agreements without delay, in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.

It also expressed regret that the government of South Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) has failed to convene negotiations, despite the repeated calls upon them to do so.

The Council expressed concern over the recent escalation of the conflict in the "Two Areas" of Blue Nile and South Kordofan and reiterated that there can be no military solution to this conflict and that efforts towards a political solution should be delayed no longer. According to ENA, the Council urged the direct political talks should begin immediately as facilitated by the AUHIP with the support of the IGAD Chair.