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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is
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Statement on the Status of Women in Sudan

Dear Sirs,

The Chairman and members of Human Rights Council, brothers and sisters members of the delegates and civil society organizations.

- We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the international community for its continuous work to achieve social justice for reaching a noble society that operates according to the International Human Rights conventions & principles.
- It also gives us pleasure to extend our thanks to those who are concerned with the issues of Sudan, in general, and Darfur, in particular, with emphasis on the efforts exerted by the Mrs. Sima Samar in following-up Human rights file in Sudan and aggression against women, in particular.
- We would like to explain that at the beginning of 1990s hope was spread all over the world that the end of the Cold war and the emergence of the New World Order would lead to the disappearance of wars and armed conflicts and consolidation of international Human Rights Conventions & Principles; and that this should be the main theme in the International Relations and achieving the cooperation and peace.
- As time passes, it becomes clear that the New World Order and its consequences such as the globalization and the influence of the uni-polar system that calls for Human Rights according to its opinion regardless of the opinions and believes of the other groups; a matter which stimulates the feeling of injustice and the emergence of radicalism within several groups; and participates in agitating the racial and religious conflicts. All these turned the World backward to the era of military solutions and bloody confrontations instead of adopting dialogue methods and peaceful settlement of disputes; and the establishment of security, peace and welfare throughout the World.
- We think that the targeting of the Third World countries, of which Sudan is a part and parcel, once in the name of combating terrorism and once more in the name of Human rights is, in fact, considered as a form of new imperialism a matter which lead to the increasing rates of tension and disputes in several Third World countries and has a serious impact on women who have been suffering from the negative effects related to armed conflicts accompanied by the lack of safety and security.
- As we endeavour to establish human rights and the international humanitarian law, we indicate that the initiation of the defense of human rights by depending on false information , on one side, and biased on the other side, may lead to the disasters which may harm human beings more than benefiting them.
- Despite this, we would like to confirm that the National women Organizations, in Sudan, including “Hawa society” operating in darfur seriously and locally to achieve the human rights principles, most neutrally, in addition to supervising the Darfurian Women rights and their protection from the possible danger which crop from the armed conflicts.
- The national organizations care for confirming that the principles of Human Rights must continue to be respected and maintained by all parties. Under the present conflict in Darfur, the human, civil, economic and other rights are liable to offenses because of the nature of the conflict. This is the same thing in all regions of conflicts in the World.

This calls for work to reconcile conflict and the establishment of peace.

- In the hope of curbing the occurrence of such crimes; and to mitigate their psychological and social impact, on the harmed groups of men and women, several related entities endeavour to conduct the required investigations, to prove the occurrence of offences. The national voluntary organizations are included in this. Hence, the offenders would be punished, in the field of human rights and establishing justice and fairness
- In this core, we hope that the Human Rights Council shall give special care for the offences which occur. So the human and child rights, in all the Sudan and Chad, which are represented by the acts of the French Organization, (Arch douz we), in trafficking in children and their expatriation to France, under the pretext of adoption, without the knowledge or the approval of their relations. This is contrary to all laws, treaties and protocols issued about children's affairs. Over and above, it confronts all the basic and rules which guarantee the virtuous interests of the child. We, thus appeal to all parties interested in human and child rights, to recognize the said children, return them to their families join them and inflicting the correct punishment, or to be granted an underserved pardon, with caring to compensate the children and their families vis-à-vis the grave damages they endured.
- We appeal, also to the Human Rights Council forum, and the international community, on pure human rights basis, and in observance to the international and regional conventions and the peoples' cultures, to be more precise in handling the human rights issues, in general; and Darfur in particular, in a way which achieves comprehensive and sustainable peace, with our confirmation, for not using the human rights file in Sudan, as the comprehensive destruction weapons field, in Iraq, which led to a bloody civil war, in place of democracy.
- In the end, we would like to take this opportunity to appeal to the UN Specialized Agencies, our esteemed council and the civil society organizations, to work for the bridging the gaps between the conflicting parties. The major powers may be incited to work with transparency, according to UN Human Rights Principles & Conventions for the achievement of a fair and comprehensive peace, which makes us as women and mothers of the Third World, to regain our security, peace and safety which humanity looses in today's world.

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