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### The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations

## The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iceland to the United Nations

New York, June 13, 2003

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of 13 of June 2003, the Government of the Republic of Iceland and the Government of the Republic of the Sudan have decided to established diplomatic relations at the level of Ambassadors.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué circulated as a United Nations document to all member states of the United Nations for their information.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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To: H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary General of the United Nations

### Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between

# The Republic of the Sudan and The Republic of Iceland

The Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Iceland, guided by mutual willingness to develop fraternal ties of friendship and cooperation in political, conomic, cultural, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

The two countries agreed to establish their diplomatic relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations and relevant principles and norms of the United Nations Charter and International Law.

The Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Iceland are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of the two States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in two originals, both texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York on the thirteenth of June two thousand and three.

For the Government of the Republic of the Sudan

H. E. Elfatih M. A. Erwa Ambassador Extraordinary and

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