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Letter dated 16 November 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to attach herewith a letter from His Excellency Mr. Ali Elsadig Ali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, addressed to your excellency, on the decision by the Government of the Sudan to terminate the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) with immediate effect (see annex).

Having brought this matter to your excellency's kind attention, I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Al-Harith Idriss Al-Harith **Mohamed**
Permanent Representative



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[Original: Arabic]

I hereby convey to you the decision of the Government of Sudan to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS), which was established pursuant to Security Council resolution [2524 \(2020\)](#) of 3 June 2020, and the decision of the Sudan to terminate, on its part, the status-of-mission agreement that was concluded with the Mission on 4 July 2021 in Khartoum. As you are aware, the Sudan requested the establishment of the Mission by means of a letter dated 27 February 2020 from the former Prime Minister, Abdalla Hamdok, addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2020/221](#)).

At that time, the purpose of establishing the Mission was to assist the transitional Government of the Sudan to achieve strategic goals following the December 2018 revolution and the political reality to which it gave rise. However, the Mission's performance was disappointing with regard to implementation of the objectives that were set out in the relevant Security Council resolutions. Instead of assisting in the democratic transition process, it was one of the reasons why the situation become complicated. The Sudan has repeatedly expressed its observations and conveyed its position regarding the Mission's performance at the relevant Security Council meetings. In addition, when the former Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited New York in April 2022, he delivered the observations of the Sudan regarding the Mission's performance to the members of the Security Council and the Secretariat. Unfortunately, the nature of the work of the Mission and the manner in which it was managed did change.

The United Nations, in the agreement signed with the Government of the Sudan on the status of UNITAMS, affirmed that the strategic objectives of UNITAMS are in full accordance with the principles of national ownership, including a commitment to the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of the Sudan; emphasized the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect; recognized that the people of the Sudan and their transitional Government have ownership of the transitional process; and affirmed that "the Government" meant the transitional Government of the Sudan established by the Constitutional Document and its successor governments. Article 4 provides that UNITAMS and its members shall refrain from any activity incompatible with the neutral and international nature of their duties, that they shall respect, adhere to and abide by all local laws and regulations, and that the Special Representative shall take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with those obligations.

It is important to note that the current situation in the Sudan has created a fundamental change in the circumstances that made it necessary for the Sudan to request that UNITAMS be established. The situation is such that it no longer meets the aspirations of the people and the Government of the Sudan. Accordingly, I should like to convey and reaffirm the request of the Government of the Sudan that the United Nations should immediately terminate UNITAMS. At the same time, we should like to assure you that the Government of the Sudan is committed to engaging constructively with the Security Council and the Secretariat on a new, appropriate and agreed upon formula, with a view to ensuring positive and implementable results in line with what was discussed at the meeting between the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council and the Secretary-General that was held last September. The President of the Transitional Sovereign Council has authorized an envoy leading a high-level delegation to engage with the Secretary-General, the President and members of the Security Council, and the Secretariat on a new formula for cooperation. He will arrive on Saturday, 18 November 2023.

In conclusion, we should like to express our appreciation for all that the United Nations is doing in the Sudan. I assure you that we will continue cooperating with the United Nations country team and all accredited agencies in order to facilitate their work and implement their programmes in the interest of the Sudanese people.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and adopted as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Ali Elsadiq **Ali**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of the Sudan
Wednesday, 15 September 2023
