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Letter dated 23 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the Sudan issued on 23 July 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 23 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on the Sudan issued on 23 July 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union warmly welcomes the agreement reached between the Government of the Sudan and the SPLM/A in Machakos, Kenya, on 20 July 2002 on the two most contentious issues, namely, the right to self-determination for the people of South Sudan and State and religion.

The European Union strongly urges all parties to the conflict in the Sudan to adhere to the agreement and to work in a dedicated manner to accomplish a comprehensive peace agreement when negotiations resume in mid-August 2002.

The European Union confirms its strong support for the IGAD peace process, the facilitative role of Kenya therein and those external partners that have played a crucial role in achieving this result.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.
