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Letter dated 25 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a note verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed to African Union Ceasefire Commission in Darfur and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General regarding an ambush conducted by the rebels in Darfur targeting the Minister of State for Agriculture and the Minister of State for Humanitarian Affairs, in a seriously flagrant violation of the Ceasefire agreement (see annex).

I would highly appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Elfatih **Erwa**
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 25 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to the African Union (AU) Ceasefire Commission and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Khartoum and has the honour to refer to the serious and highly regrettable incident which occurred in Kass, in the region of Tur, on 12 October 2004, when the delegation of the Minister of State for Agriculture and the Minister of State for Humanitarian Affairs was ambushed by armed men during its journey from Nyala to Zalingei, as a result of which several of the guards escorting the delegation were injured.

The Government of the Republic of the Sudan is deeply concerned by the grave implications of this incident, which is such as to represent a serious violation of the ceasefire in force under the N'Djamena agreement.

The Government of the Sudan believes that this incident is directly targeted at humanitarian work, bearing in mind that any similar repetition could severely damage the efforts aimed at improving the humanitarian situation in Darfur.

The Government of the Sudan believes that this incident affirms the intense and urgent need for pressure to be exerted on the rebel movements with a view to securing their firm and full commitment to compliance with the ceasefire agreement.

The Government of the Sudan sincerely hopes that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the AU Ceasefire Commission are able to monitor this and all similar incidents in the context of holding the perpetrators accountable and prevailing upon the rebel movements to fulfil their obligations and responsibilities in regard to compliance with the ceasefire agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan takes this opportunity to convey to the AU Ceasefire Commission and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.
