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Note verbale dated 26 July 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to attach herewith the press statement* by Mr. Hassabu Mohamed Abdulrahman, the Commissioner-General of the Humanitarian Aid Commission, made on 23 July 2007 about the recent return and repatriation of 750 families from their camps.

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Annex

"OVER 750 DISPLACED AND REFUGEES FAMILIES RETURN VOLUNTARILY TO THEIR HOME AREAS IN WEST DARFUR STATE"

"Over 750 families of internally displaced persons and refugees have voluntarily returned from displaced and refugees' camps in Chad to their home areas in Dar-Zaghawa (Zaghawa lands) in West Darfur State, said the Commissioner General of Humanitarian Aid Commission, Hassabu Mohamed Abdul-Rahman. In a press statement to SUNA, he explained that these returnees came from Genaina, Hashaba, Muli displaced people camps and Chad refugee camps. He said that the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC), the Islamic Medical Association, the Sudanese Red Crescent Society, and Isra Charitable Organization have provided around 90 tons of food, medicines and accommodation material for the returnees. He stressed that great number of internally displaced people are ready to return to their home areas to lead normal life, adding that the return has become a strategic option for all the displaced citizens under the prevalent peace and stability atmosphere in Darfur States. SUNA learned that the voluntary return of these displaced and refugees came in response to an imitative of Sultan Sa'ad Bahar-Eddin of Masaleet tribe, who is the Chairman of West Darfur State's Legislative Council, in coordination with the Humanitarian Aid Commission."
