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Letter dated 25 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to paragraph 1 (iii) of Security Council resolution 2046 (2012) on the situation in the Sudan and South Sudan regarding the administrative and security map presented to the parties by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel in November 2011, I have the honour to inform you, and through you all the members of the Security Council, that the Government of the Republic of the Sudan had timely conveyed on 17 November 2011 its astonishment and reservation to Mr. Thabo Mbeki, Chair of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, regarding the inclusion of the fifth contested area, the area known as the 14 miles south of Bahrelarab as part of the map of the Republic of South Sudan. Showing the said area in the aforementioned map as belonging to the Republic of South Sudan contravenes the basic principle that the agreed borderline is that of 1 January 1956 between northern and southern Sudan.

While conveying this information, we would also like to register with the Security Council the reservation of the Government of the Republic of the Sudan on this issue as duly illustrated above.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
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