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Letter dated 14 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to attach herewith, a press release issued by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations on the allegations by Amnesty International on the use of chemical weapons in Darfur (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



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Press release

On 9 October 2016, the Joint African Union-United Nations Special Representative for Darfur and Head of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi issued a statement to the media on the peace process in Darfur. The statement covered, inter alia, the allegations by Amnesty International on the use of chemical weapons in Darfur. Mr. Uhomobhi stated, inter alia, that:

- In spite of the almost 20,000 UNAMID personnel on the ground in Darfur, none of them had seen any Darfuri showing signs of the use of chemical weapons as described in the report by Amnesty International
- Not one displaced person meeting such description has appeared at any UNAMID team site clinics where they would have naturally gone for help
- Amnesty International claimed to have made calls into the Jebel Marra but did not call any of the almost 20,000 United Nations personnel all over Darfur, including in places such as Sortony and Nertiti within a stone's throw from the places where chemical weapons were reported to have been used
- No one from the leadership of the armed movements in Darfur discussed the use of chemical weapons with him or his deputy during several meetings held in January, April, May, July, August and September 2016

The points listed above are clear evidence from the ground that refutes the unfounded and baseless allegations by Amnesty International. It is hoped that the present statement will put to rest the spurious allegations of the use of chemical weapons in Darfur.
