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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by the Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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After more than one year after launch the National Dialogue that is taking place in the Republic of Sudan, and the positive cooperation between all parties and the national consensus on its recommendations, Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development is taking this opportunity to encourage these measures from all parties and strongly stress on the importance of this step on the human rights situation in Sudan.

All the opposition parties are involved in the national dialogue and the authorities suggested and decided to stop the war and achieve national unity and show its seriousness to put the formally permanent cease fire despite any partisan differences.

Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development would like to ask the other parties to do the same and to stop the fighting to allow the political parties and civil society organizations from exercising their public activities without interference and restrictions.

This, therefore, open the opportunities for opposition parties and individuals to exercise political activities and have the freedom to practice other rights, such as freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly,

This agreement will bring stability and peace, whether in Darfur or other regions. It is encouraging and give hope to see that political parties could reach a conclusion where there is no alternative to any dispute, especially internally, than sit and talk peacefully. It will be a historical for the Sudanese people as well as other nations. This initiative could be a lead to other nations and other governments to belief and have confidence to take the same step. Where they put aside their differences and work positively on the points agreed upon.

We, in Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development hope and believe that this dialogue will lead to a lasting peace. We do stress that this dialogue will ended up with the unity of all political parties to keep their promises on working on the determination for the improvement of the Sudanese way of life, gradually reveal economic problems, equal distribution of national resources, ensure that the policies will lead to institutional reform, human development, scientific research, industry knowledge and encourage the private sector and the investment.

Finally, we ask for the determination of all parties to bring all these promises into reality where all Sudanese could and have the atmosphere where they can enjoy and practice all their rights and freedoms.

Recommendations:

1- We call on all parties to invest the efforts of the Sudanese government to bring peace, to stop the fighting, and the to offer a full participation of all political factions in the governing of the country possible and promotion the rights of the citizen, are worthy of support to achieve sustainable development.

2- International Community and all states member to this Council to consider the efforts of the Sudanese government and to call for the parties abstaining to sit at the dialogue table and join the National Dialogue.