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including the right to development**

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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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Illegal migration and Human trafficking & terrorism

Al-Zubair Charity organization would like to congratulate the Human Rights Council on convening the 23rd session and appreciates its role in promoting human rights in general and issues related to combating terrorism, illegal migration and human trafficking in particular.

In this framework, and through the long-term follow-up of our organization, we deeply appreciate the efforts of the United Nations mechanisms operating in Sudan in their generous and continuous support to civil society organizations. This support led and strengthened the partnership with government agencies in advancing the efforts of the international community in combating terrorism, illegal migration and human trafficking; thus blocking the sufferings of many migrants, who could fall as victims of gangs, smugglers and terrorists groups.

Here, we would point out the efforts of the Sudanese government represented in its agencies concerned with controlling the illegal migration and human trafficking, and the role of the security agencies which are involved in this regard, especially the Rapid Support Forces through the successful operations that stopped the human trafficking gangs and terrorist groups such as (Boko Haram) from entering or transiting Sudanese lands and exploiting many innocent victims. These forces succeeded between 2016 and 2017 in saving 2107 African nationals on the Sudanese-Libyan border, as well as the arrest of 2,500 illegal migrants, during 2018 and 2019 they liberated 61 persons who were victims of human trafficking crimes, as well as arresting 70 people who were preparing them to smuggle to Libya.

We must commend here the effort made by the European Union and the serious steps that led to open an office in Sudan to address this matter, which is the Continental Operations Center for Illegal migration.

Hence, we appeal to the Human Rights Council, the United Nations mechanisms, and the international community to:

- Enhance the efforts of civil society organizations and mechanisms to develop youth and help them find ways to earn a decent living.
 - Supporting the Sudanese government to move forward in implementing the Human Rights Council resolutions regarding combating illegal migration by raising the capacity of anti-terrorism and human trafficking mechanisms.
 - Providing an attractive environment for young people in sub-Saharan regions by reducing the causes of tension and conflict.
 - Working to develop the sources of illegal migration and confront the ignorance and poverty that settled in these areas.
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