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Written statement* submitted by Sudanese Women General Union (SWGU), 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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Sudanese Women Union efforts in peace process in Darfur

Since the conflict occurred in Darfur 2003, the Sudanese Women General Union (SWGU) made many efforts trying to absorb the tension in the areas of the frictions. A plan of action was sated with prioritization of the needs for the affected people .The majority of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees are women and children.

The women of the Sudan were instantly inside the events and responded to the call for helping and rescuing the victims in different areas of needs. Relief and other social aid was provided and with the very limited resource of the UNION. The rape reported cases and also the sexually violated victims were counseled from the trauma.

The SWGU mobilized resource and efforts to face the crisis and call for all women organizations to contribute in a campaign to save Darfurian women, girls and children. The response was great and Sudanese women from different parts of Sudan and various organizations joint the national call to support women in Darfur under the slogan of Women for Women .SWGU made efforts with the concerned authorities to allow women to participate in the peace talks of Darfur and although we have succeeded in that but yet we are not satisfied by our representation and we are straggling we for wider participation in the whole peace process. We strongly believe that the issue could not be resolved with military operations but should be politically tackled and from inside the Sudanese and we are moving in all direction to bring all the parties together.

Displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees as a normal results of such phenomena and as mentioned the majority were women and children and old persons who needed help assist and support and therefore food and health care in the camp are provided by the UNION, it also enhance women rights specially in conflicts where violations of human rights is usually done by all parties of the conflict.

Recalling our heritages spiritual believes, the norms, culture and our strong believe in peace and no tolerance, we had initiated a project to solve Darfur problem from our views as women and we shared this with a large number of women leaders and with all the other parties and groups including women from the rebels movements .We are now s working in the camps providing kids with primary education.

All these issues were discussed with the Governors of the three states and their advisors for women affairs.

We are looking for a fully application to the UN Security Council resolution 1325 which indicated the participation of women in conflict resolution and peace process.

We are looking forward for a positive role from the international community to stop the conflict and to support the national efforts by the Women Union.

We are expecting positive movement from this honorable Human Rights council to play great role in solving Darfur conflict by pressing all parties to respect human rights and international humanitarian law and to stop violations of human rights and finally by being serious to bring peace to the Darfur People.

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