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**HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE THE COUNCIL'S  
ATTENTION**

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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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## **Call for peace and development**

We callers for freedom, justice and civil rights and sustainable development wherever you are! We Sudanese masses desirous of sustainable peace and development!

We direct our speech to you at such a time when a new span of time is about to start and encompassing within grave challenges to the already wound – stricken structure of voluntary and humanitarian action and aggravating the sufferings of thousands of Sudanese people who had to be refugees and displaced in camps inside and outside the country. Yet, it is in such times that the uproar of bombs and canons began to cease and brandished emblems of war to be silenced and, again, it was now that life through a consolidated series of humanitarian programmes and projects carried out by tens of society-based, national and international in the form of methodological developmental partnerships in which massive human and technical investment have expended with the ultimate objectives of which being the development of the vulnerable, refugee and displaced Sudanese people.

We have made an old pledge to spare no effort to free our peers of men and women and children from the bondage of the dehumanising conditions bred by war and abject poverty to which thousands are subjected. Also, we have committed ourselves to make the fact of development a reality for everyone and to exonerate humankind from want. Thereupon, we have consecrated all out means to provide a world and nation – wide development – conducive and poverty – free environment. It was in this context that we voluntary and humanitarian organizations of Sudan have convened in Khartoum from the period - to - of August 2008 to discuss in a completely free transparent, independent and responsible manner dictated by our national, human and moral commitments allegations put forward the Prosecutor General of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Okambu relating to the suspension of the President of the Republic, Omer Hassan Ahmed El Bashir and others on the grounds related to the highly – complex Darfur issue. We also endeavor to discuss the ramifications of all this on the short and long – term voluntary and humanitarian action. And since our civil society and national organizations team in many accredited legal scholars in the fields of international law, arbitration and human rights and since many of the above have worked in the institutions of the United States and international organizations in the above specialization and, furthermore, after close examination and exhaustive inspection of all documents related to this issue that are available in the specialized sites of the concerned institutes, and since these have a tremendous impact on the realities of voluntary and humanitarian action, we therefore have resolved to avail the international community of our findings and to communicate reason and the vision of the wretched ones including those in camps, refugees and the open.

- 1- There a consensus that there has ensued a general political stability and growing convergence among most of the disparate and dissenting voices and parties to conflicts as evidenced by the Naivasha Peace Agreements, the East Peace Agreement and the Abouja Agreement. These had the effect of abolishing many of the hitherto destructive wars that have plagued and racked the country and bequeathed to it proverbial degree of suffering. Optimistically enough, dialogue is currently being held with the remaining dissidents in order to render peace a reigning feature of Sudan. The above political stability was positively reflected on the realities of voluntary and humanitarian action and so there has been a flux of voluntary return of the displaced and the refugees. Simultaneous with the

above were the many sustainable development projects established in many of wars and conflicted – affected areas.

- 2- Also, there is an increasing conviction that positive radical changes are sweeping the country so much so that room for dialogue and national reconciliation is widening and as consistent with the basic principles of civil and voluntary action embodied in the inviolability of the role of law, guarantee of social, political and civil human right. An indicator of the above is the marked democratic transition and genuine political plurality as enshrined in the ratification of the election Act as the last procedure before holding election. This endeavour was praised by the big nations such the United States and it was a good omen for us in our civil society and its national and international organizations, recognizing the fact that democracy and sustainable development are but one and the same face of the coin of peace, stability and welfare of the people.

Notwithstanding these harbingers, we employees in the civil society in remote corners of the country multitudes of people bear the brunt of hunge poverty, disease and daily threat of death and ignoring the facts of the gains achieved through the positive and active presence of civil society organizations in their unceasing attempts to erect the foundations of a civilised society ruled by transparency and high accountability. Yet these efforts are fatally jeopardized by the raising of the claims of the Prosecutor General of the Criminal Courts Mr. Okambu. We have, consequently, inspected the case in all its aspects, proofs and findings through the lens of professional objectivity and sacrosanct impartial rigour. What we did read was only the demise of the achievement of the weak children, women and the elderly and the impossibility of restoring the lost sense of security, social peace and a positive incitation of war. We have, therefore, directed this proclamation to all lovers of social peace, human right activists and adherers to the principles of freedom and the right of individuals nations to sustainable development as provided for in international laws and charters and the Millennium Proclamation for Development. Our aims to forcefully resist these allegations, their timings, shaky evidence, their undocumented hearsay form. We furthermore strive to communicate this voice of opposition to decisions and policy – leaders every where. We seize this occasion so that the Millennium Development Proclamation will be rendered a living present and a continuous binding duty and task for the sake of all the needy and the weak ones irrespective of race, religion or culture. Therefore, we hereby undersign:

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