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**REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD
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Note verbale dated 1 March 2005 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, following the Mission's previous note, No. 26/05 dated 1 February 2005 (copy attached for reference),* concerning the Government's plan for disarming armed militias in Darfur, would like to request again circulation of the same note under agenda item 4 of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights.

* Reproduced in the annex as received, in the language of submission only.

Annex

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**Permanent Mission of
The Republic of the
SUDAN
To U.N. Office, Geneva**



البعثة الدائمة
لجمهورية السودان
جنيف

No. 26/05

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter from Major General FO OKONKOW, AU Force Commander in Darfur dated 18 January 2005 and a reproduced copy of the same to the Representative of the Government of the Sudan to the Cease Fire Commission of the AU Mission in Sudan acknowledging the receipt of the Government's plan for disarming Armed Militias in Darfur and commending it.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan while requesting the same to be distributed as an official document of the 61st Session of the Commission on Human Rights, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Office the assurances of its highest considerations.



Geneva, 01 February 2005

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LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the plan for disarming Armed Militias in Darfur dated 16 January 2005 and to thank you most sincerely on this bold initiative. This initiative will in no small measure reassure the AU and indeed the international community that the Government of Sudan is committed to the implementation of the Peace Accord as well as bringing lasting peace to Sudan. However, AMIS is studying the paper carefully and will raise the necessary concerns in due course.
2. Once again, I thank you most sincerely for your response.

(Signed)
FO OKONWO
Major General
Force Commander

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