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**REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD
CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION
OF DISAPPEARANCES AND SUMMARY EXECUTIONS**

**Note verbale dated 8 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 High Commissioner for Human Rights and, following the Mission's note verbale, dated 4 June 2004 (E/CN.4/2005/G/3) concerning the Presidential Decree establishing the Commission of Inquiry into the allegations of human rights violations in Darfur, Western Sudan, chaired by the former Chief Justice Daffa Alla El-Haj Yousuf, would like to bring to the attention of the Office that, in implementation of the Commission of Inquiry recommendations and in consultation with the Chief Justice, the Presidency of the Republic has established the following Committees.*

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan requests the circulation of the present note as an official document of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda items 3, 4 and 11 (b).

* The text is reproduced in the annex as received, in the language of submission only.

Annex

- a. Judicial Investigation Committee headed by member of the High Court Hon. Mohamed Abd Alraheem.
- b. Damage Assessment Committee headed by Judge of the High Court Hon. Hussein Abulgasim.
- c. Administrative Committee headed by Police Force Gen. Eltayeb Abd Alraheem.

The measures, steps and findings of the three Committees to date are as follows:

A. Findings of the Judicial Investigation Committee:

After several visits to Darfur three states and several meetings with all concerned, the Committee drew the following conclusions:

1. Regarding Boram events the committee has received sufficient evidence that Justice and Equality Group has committed crimes of killing, robbery, sabotage, war crimes including attacks on areas protected by international law and killing protected groups including the burning alive of wounded persons.
2. In Kass the committee has received sufficient established evidence proving that some individuals have committed killings, burning, rape, forced displacement and torture.
3. Some villagers have deserted their villages in Kass locality because of the attacks against them as well as of fear of imminent attacks. They are still unwilling to return to their homes for lack of security as some of the criminals are still around in their areas.

B. Damage Assessment Committee:

The Committee has looked into and decided on 2002 cases in northern Darfur and southern Darfur. The Committee has launched a successful campaign of awareness to encourage people living in Camps to come forward with their complaints. The Committee will visit also Western Darfur. (Elgenina).

C. Findings of the Administrative Committee:

The Committee has held meetings in the capital Khartoum as well as in Darfur with concerned authorities, experts and concerned parties. The Committee indicated that corridors, which are used by nomadic tribes to cross from one area to another, are affected by scarcity of water, as well as by development projects and agricultural activities. The Committee advised that more consultation should be pursued with all beneficiaries. The situation is aggravated by drought and desertification in Darfur and land ownership problems. This situation has led to tensions and conflicts between nomadic and sedentary tribes. The Committee has established a Forum for Dialogue in order to facilitate dialogue between all concerned parties. The Committee will continue its work to find ways and means to solve these issues in collaboration with the affected populations and concerned authorities.
