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### **Accusations of the ICC's Prosecutor against the Sudanese President**

- 1- In an unprecedented action against a sitting president of a sovereign state, The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court "ICC" leveled today new accusations of genocide, against H.E. Omer Hassan Ahmed Albashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan.
- 2- The representatives of the Sudanese People (National Assembly), and the Government (Cabinet) condemned in the strongest possible terms these allegations and categorically rejected them, as they pose serious threats to the on going efforts to implement the signed Peace Agreements in the South, West and East. These hasty allegations would also undermine the peaceful efforts to end the conflict in Darfur, and will have negative impact, not only on peace and stability inside Sudan but also on the security and stability of the region as a whole.
- 3- While condemning the ICC Prosecutor's accusations, the Government of the Sudan affirms its full co-operation with the United Nations and firmly adheres to its international obligations, as

adequately spelled in Vienna and Geneva Conventions, Security Council Resolutions and other relevant Agreements.

- 4- The Sudanese Government would also like to assure the International Community that it will ensure the protection and safety of the UNAMID forces, all Diplomatic missions accredited to Sudan and offices of the UN and all foreigners and personnel of the non - governmental organizations.
- 5 - The Sudanese Government affirms as well its commitment to the implementation of the Security Council Resolution No. 1769 on the deployment of the UNAMID Peace-Keeping forces in Darfur and its full co-operation with the UN, European Union and African Union in this regard.
- 6- The Sudanese Government call upon the International Community and all peace-loving nations to uphold to their moral and ethical responsibilities to stop the negative ramifications of the ICC Prosecutor's mis-calculated decision and hasty allegations.
- 7- The Government of Sudan will legally challenge the Prosecutor's allegations, through all possible Diplomatic and Legal channels, with the view to proving that the action has political motivations rather than legal evidence.
- 8- Finally, the Government and People of the Sudan ascertained that these allegations will not divert the country away from the strategic target of achieving peace, development and prosperity for all parts of Sudan.

