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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women & Child (SAO), 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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Peace in Sudan

Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women & Child (SAO) would like to extend its and gratitude to the Human Rights Council in Geneva and to all members participating in this forum in proportion to their efforts which are aimed at achieving the principles of human rights throughout the world as general and Sudan in particular.

We appreciate and welcome the peace process which is taking place between the transitional government in Sudan and the armed groups. This process is based on the mutual trust between the parties and their seriousness to reach a lasting peace agreement that will bring peace and stability to Sudan.

Reaching a comprehensive peace agreement would certainly promote human rights and achieve justice through balanced development among the people of Sudan. Achieving peace is a priority for us, and it is the issue that the world must pay more attention to in relation to the Sudanese case, as it is the basis upon which all the other elements necessary for the advancement of the country are built.

Therefore, achieving peace for us is the principle target that the international community should work for regarding the Sudanese issue, because it is the foundation upon which all the other elements necessary for the advancement of states are built.

From this standpoint, we welcome the efforts exerted by negotiators involved in the peace process, especially the armed movements and their leaders, and the delegation of the Transitional Civil Government led by the Deputy Chairman of the Sovereign Council.

We appeal to the international community to work to:

- Provide all kinds of support required to reach a peaceful agreement.
- Establish a mechanism to ensure the implementation of the signed agreement. Through follow-up mechanism.
- Encouraging the non negotiating movements and parties to join the peace process.
- Create an environment that contributes to maintaining security and peace in Sudan.
- The international community should assist all parties to promote and maintain the peace process.

With our sincere thanks and appreciation to all
