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Identical letters dated 25 March 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Please find attached the communiqué of the International Muslim Women's Union denouncing the International Criminal Court and deploring the so-called warrant of arrest against H.E. President Omer Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir.

I would be grateful if this letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



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A Statement on the International Criminal Court and the arrest warrant of the President of Sudan

The International Muslim Women's Union issues this statement out of its concern for justice as well as conviction and aspiration for a just world order where all are equal in the balance of justice and in front of the law.

It is absolutely unfair that the International Criminal Court General Prosecutor Lewis Okampo has jumped over the judicial process by judging the President of Sudan as an accused person instead of investigating and verifying allegations against him. It is well known that the accused is innocent until proven guilty.

It is incumbent upon all to know that the whole episode is nothing but a political conspiracy against the Sudan targeting its Head of State.

The so-called international community represented by some members of the Security Council has managed to manipulate such Council to issue 17 resolutions or more since 2003 mainly focused on the conflict of Darfur as threatening to the international peace and security. It is really agitating and most infuriating to be partial in terms of laying judgment against some while turning a blind eye towards others.

What has been alleged by the International Criminal Court as crime of war, crime against humanity or even genocide in the case of Darfur, considered very little in comparison of what was committed in Iraq, Afghanistan and lately in Gaza where children and elderly, were massacred in cold blood and under the eyes of all the world, documented live by the international media. Buildings and houses were targeted as well as schools and places of worship where innocent civilians were buried under the debris and rubbles by the crazy war machinery.

If the International Criminal Court cannot and will not press charges or accuse such illegal actions because such States are not party of Rome convention or statute and are not members of the International Criminal Court, how on earth would the International Criminal Court give itself the liberty of accusing another sovereign State — which is also not party to Rome statute or member of the International Criminal Court — let alone issue arrest warrant on the head of such sovereign State who is still in office and who was democratically elected by his people — and whose only crime was to do his duty as president to enforce law and order and preserve peace and stability. We in the International Muslim Women's Union believe it's high time that this double-standards measure should cease. Moreover, if the International Criminal Court really cares for the prevalence of the international peace and security and cherishes the welfare and stability of the people of Sudan, it has to stop interfering in the internal affairs of Sudan and let the Sudanese judicial system carry out and shoulder its responsibilities.

Such interference would only aggravate the situation in Darfur and would definitely not help bring peace and stability to the area and the region at large.

The Government of Sudan has a powerful efficient judiciary system which is capable of dealing with any allegations or accusations in a just and fair manner and within the national constitution and laws — preserving the sovereignty of the State and the dignity of its people. We in the International Muslim Women's Union urge the free world, all peace-loving countries, the civil society organizations (women and youth) as well as honourable persons the world over to have a firm stance against any measure of double standards and to show their concern and solidarity for this vital issue of international justice through all possible and legal means.

Finally, we have great faith in the wisdom and vigilance of the Sudanese people to tackle this issue with the highest degree of national responsibility and to stand united and firm against such warrant of arrest to their Head of State, Field Marshal Omer Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir.

We in the International Muslim Women's Union affirm our rejection for and condemnation of all forms of foreign intervention and stand firm with the women and children of Sudan against any preach to the national security, stability and sovereignty of Sudan.

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And bad scheming will only afflict those who engineer it.
