

**Statement by the Ambassador of Malaysia  
Fourth Special Session of the Human Rights Council  
“The human rights situation in Darfur”**

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Mr. President,

Malaysia associates itself with the statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC.

2. It was only some fourteen days ago that the Human Rights Council at its resumed Second Session pronounced itself on the situation in Darfur when it adopted Decision No.2/115, and its Third Session deliberated on this issue as well. Given this, the decision of the African Group in co sponsoring the convening of this Special Session is a clear demonstration of its transparent and constructive approach in addressing this issue.

3. In addressing what is a grave issue before us today, we should be mindful of the very complex and volatile situation in Darfur confronting Sudan as well as varying assessments of the situation. Plainly, the lack of security due, among others, to inter-communal differences and existence of several rebel groups, is the root cause to the human rights challenge in that region.

4. Malaysia therefore believes that this Council and the international community at large should continue to demonstrate and garner effective and meaningful support to assist the Government of Sudan in ensuring the full implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement of 5 May 2006. Effective implementation of this agreement will be a significant foundation for achieving peace in Darfur that will address the security issue and all other aspects, including protection and promotion of human rights of the victims of the conflict in the region.

5. We note that the Government of Sudan has taken concrete measures through its national mechanisms to implement the peace agreement, including those relating to combating violence against women and bringing to justice perpetrators of other crimes committed in Darfur. At the same time, it is important that all parties, including those that have not yet become signatory to the agreement, should be brought into the framework of this agreement and for them to observe the cease-fire and to end any violations of human rights of civilians in Darfur. In the meantime, the effective protection of all civilians, especially at the IDP camps must be among the priority. Provision of humanitarian assistance must be allowed to proceed unhindered, and efforts must also be made to facilitate the return of IDPs to their homes.

6. We know that the Sudanese Government has been extending its cooperation within the framework of the African Union. The African Union is already undertaking a commendable work to help the Government of the Sudan through African Union Mission in the Sudan (AMIS). It is imperative that the international community takes action to complement their work. In this respect, Malaysia welcomes the decision contained in the Joint Communiqué of the 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council on 30 November 2006 to extend the mandate of AMIS for a period of six months.

7. We also know that the Sudanese Government has extended similar cooperation to the United Nations mechanisms, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in addressing human rights situation in Darfur. We would encourage the Sudanese Government to continue such cooperation.

8. In our view, the international community and the donor countries must continue to extend the necessary support for the Sudanese Government in the implementation of the peace agreement. In this regard, we join the calls on donor countries and peace partners to honour their pledges of support and to provide urgent and adequate financial and technical assistance through the

Sudanese Government in the promotion and protection of human rights in Darfur, and in working towards a peaceful solution to the conflict in the region.

9. Finally, Mr. President, it is imperative that this Council proceeds on this issue in a constructive manner. We hope that the mission to be despatched to the region will provide clear, accurate and substantiated information that will assist the Council in addressing the human rights situation in Darfur in an impartial, cooperative and constructive manner. In this respect, we welcome the positive spirit of cooperation that has been demonstrated by Sudan, including its receptiveness in receiving earlier missions. We therefore urge this Council to reciprocate by engaging Sudan as a concerned country in any decision the Council will take in line with the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.