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Mr. President,

I align my delegation with the statements made by the distinguished Ambassadors of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan on behalf of the Arab Group and OIC respectively.

Mr. President,

There is a broad support that the situation in Darfur merits some attention by the Council. However, the Council would lose the right direction if its decisions were not based on proper information. This is the challenge for the Council at this stage as far as Darfur is concerned. What is becoming increasingly obvious is that most of the information provided by one side about the situation in Darfur to this Council is contested by the other. As a result of this situation it has become imperative to take matters into its own hands. A first hand assessment by the members has become imperative. We strongly believe that the Council should rely on firsthand information about the facts as they are on the ground.

Mr. president,

In the light of this divergence in the characterization of the situation in Darfur we support the dispatch of a high-level mission to the region to observe and assess the situation as it obtains therein. This mission which you should take the lead in its formation in consultations with the Sudanese Government and other stakeholders. The readiness of the Sudanese Government to cooperate with the Council is welcome. It should be taken to task. The very aim of this council should be to insure the protection and promotion of human rights in that region.

Mr. president,

The Government of Sudan reached an agreement with principle armed factions the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA). This agreement provides a comprehensive framework for the restoration of stability in Darfur.

We urge the Sudanese Government to come through on its commitments to this Council and international community. At the same time we call upon the international community to encourage the full implementation of this agreement sending the right message to those who didn't sign. Financial and technical support is essential for the successful implementation of this agreement.

I thank you Mr. President,