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before

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on

“The Human Rights Situation in Darfur”

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC. We commend the Government of Sudan for the ongoing affirmative initiatives it has taken in implementing the Darfur Peace Agreement as the basis for the peace process in the region.

The Government of Sudan has already taken a number of positive steps including cooperation with the United Nations, regional mechanisms such as African Union and civil society. This cooperation has also extended in respect of holding the 4th special session of the Human Rights Council. This cooperation should be duly acknowledged by the Council.

We are further encouraged by the recent positive development as reflected in the statement issued by the third meeting of the Darfur Peace Agreement Joint Commission of CFC on improvement of the security situation in most parts of Darfur.

Mr. President,

We believe that the African Union has an important role vis a vis containing the situation. This realization of such role shall serve to reaffirm the capabilities of African States in resolving issues affecting continent. In this regard, my delegation calls upon the Council to adopt the African Group proposals.

Indeed, our concern is that the Darfur humanitarian situation is being increasingly politicized by one group of countries. Likewise, it is clear that there is a cycle of violence developing in a context of lawlessness where rebels and armed groups have not signed and even rejected the peace agreement. It is imperative that all parties should respect international humanitarian law and human right law.

Unlike the previous special sessions, necessitated by gross and systematic violations, the 4th Session is held while a peace settlement is successfully concluded. That is why the outcomes have to be a supportive mechanism to maintaining peace, security and positive development.

Thank You