

Sri Lanka

Asian Group statement on the High Level Mission of the HRC to the Sudan

Mr. President,

I have the honour to take the floor on behalf of the Asian Group.

In December 2006, during the Fourth Special Session of the Human Rights Council, the Government of Sudan showed its commitment to fully cooperate in the implementation of the Council's decision S-4/101. However, as we all understand, the High Level Mission to the Sudan appointed by the President of the Council could not carry out its mandate as stipulated in the Council's decision, due to a series of subsequent developments. Therefore, in our view, any outcome of such a mission would appear to be incomplete at this stage.

Ambassador Dr. Makarin Wibisono who was nominated by the Asian Group as a member of the High Level Mission to the Sudan felt compelled to disassociate himself from the Mission. Upon his return to Geneva, Ambassador Wibisono briefed the Asian Group Ambassadors and the Group supported his decision, which was conveyed to you in writing on 21 February 2007.