

A statement by the Permanent Representative of the Sudan

Thank you Mr. President.

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to express our great appreciation to the Group of Experts headed by Ms. Sima Samar, and to you personally, Mr. Kalin, as Rapporteur, for this very constructive report, and for the very useful dialogue between my Government's delegation and the Group of Experts, and the latter's keen interest to assist my Government.

Mr. President.

My Government is committed to the implementation of Council's Resolution 4/8. The update report, is very encouraging to complete the job in this atmosphere of cooperation, and action orientation.

In a short period of time my Government has achieved inter alia, the following:

- 1- The Ministry of Interior issued orders to facilitate the work of international observers, and to facilitate access to the detainees.
- 2- A new Armed Forces Act was passed by the Council of Ministers, it includes a full chapter on the principles of international humanitarian law.
- 3- The Director General of the National Security and Intelligence issued an order to ensure the implementation of safeguards on the treatment of the detainees, and to prohibit unlawful detention, consistent with the law of 1996 and other relevant regulations.
- 4- The Minister of Justice issued on 18 September 2007 the Declaration to Combat Violence Against Women in Darfur.

Mr. President.

Council Resolution 4/8 was based on two pillars: Firstly, the implementation by my Government of the agreed upon short-term and medium-term resolutions.

Secondly, to take into account the needs of the Sudan in this regard. My Government had already provided requests for its needs for the implementation of each of the recommendations. Unfortunately, we did not receive the needed assistance, and furthermore, no focal point was appointed till now.

- We appreciate the concern of the Group of Experts, which emphasized the necessity of providing assistance in two of its

recommendations in the update report, we also thank the Secretary General of UN for directing the UNDP in Khartoum to finance seven workshops on human rights awareness which were recently accomplished.

- The assistance needed requires, Mr. President, your urgent attention, and that of the High Commissioner Mme Arbor, since we need to discuss what we have implemented in the final report with the Group of Experts after less than two months from today. We also appreciate the promise of Switzerland to help in that regard.

Mr. President

Allow me to extend my sincere thanks to the African Group for its support and for its dedicated troika which is negotiating on our behalf, and for the Arab Group and the OIC Group for their support, for Grulac, Asian and E.Eruopean Groups, and the troika of the European Union for meeting with us to follow up the progress that is taking place on the ground in Darfur.

Mr. President

Finally Iam quite confident that the final report on resolution 4/8 in December will be equally satisfactory to this esteemed Council and very fruitful to our citizens in Darfur.