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SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DARFUR

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Statement by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC on the follow-up to Resolution OM/1/3 entitled Situation of Human Rights in Darfur, 11 December 2007

Mr. President,

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of the Member States of OIC.

The OIC would like to thank the Group of Experts for their final report on the situation of human rights in the Darfur. The conclusions of the report reflect the efforts being made by the Government of Sudan to ameliorate the human rights and humanitarian situation of the people of Darfur.

The Group of Experts has concluded that:

i. The process of review was facilitated by the very good cooperation of the government of the Sudan; its endeavours to address the recommendations compiled by the group, the timely reporting back to the group, and the open and constructive dialogue with the high level inter-ministerial delegation of the government of the Sudan from Khartoum and representatives from the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United nations in Geneva. The process of cooperative engagement with the government of the Sudan has worked increasingly well.

ii. In some areas, necessary steps were carried out fully or to a substantial degree, while in other areas first steps towards implementation were taken. Efforts undertaken to prepare laws and instructions that, if fully implemented, could be instrumental in improving the human rights situation

in Darfur.

Obviously considering the extent of the efforts required and the area to be covered by the Government of Sudan, immediate results cannot be expected. Even the group of experts acknowledges that implementation of certain recommendations may be complex and requiring more time for full execution.

The OIC supports the Government of the Sudan in its efforts to improve the human rights and humanitarian situation in Darfur. We hope that the legal and administrative measures being taken will address the issues of impunity and end to all types of violence, especially against women, children, the elderly and those with disabilities.

The OIC agrees with the African Group that there cannot be two UN mechanisms for the same situation. We, therefore, hope that the matter of the extension of the two mandates will be resolved as a result of the ongoing dialogue between the African Group, European Union and other interlocutors.

The OIC is of the view that efforts by the Sudanese Government need concrete support and acknowledgment by the international community. Thank you, Mr. President.