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We are aware that Your Excellency, have favourably described the then on-going National Dialogue in Your statement of 28th March 2016 when You called upon those who refrained from joining the process to do so. Despite this clear position, we had noticed that Your Excellency's message to the Summit as delivered by Mr. Ahmed was not conforming with it. Your statement of the 28th March truly reflected the factual situation and was truly harmonious with the assessments of the Chairperson of the African Union, the former Special Representative of the United Nations (UN) and African Union (AU) to Sudan and South Sudan and the Joint Representative of the UN and AU to the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), who all commended the National Dialogue and called on the hold-outs to join without delay.

The National Dialogue was a timely initiative of the President of the Sudan to secure the widest possible participation of all the Sudanese people, including those who took arms against the Government, to freely determine the political and constitutional future of the country in the wake of the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of 2005. The CPA led to the self

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determination of South Sudan in 2011. The Sudanese constitution, called the Interim National Constitution, which was designed for the transitional period of the modern history of the nation (2005-2011) has achieved fully its objectives and came to its natural and happy end in 2015, the year in which national parliamentary and presidential elections were held in all parts of the Sudan including Darfur. Hence, the genuine and credible initiative of the Government of the Sudan to buttress the constitutional democratic process by popular wide dialogue which in all objectivity and fairness should be supported and commended.

It is our sincere hope, Your Excellency, that You will bring to an end such perceived discrepancies for the sake of peace and stability in the Sudan, and in the region as well.

While I have the honour and privilege of conveying the greetings of His Excellency Professor Ibrahim A. Ghandour, Minister of Foreign Affairs, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency, the expressions of gratitude and esteem.



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