



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 September 2010

Excellency,

Sudan has reached a critical moment in its history. Implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement has entered its final year, while the Darfur peace process is moving towards a comprehensive agreement. The urgency and importance of these developments has been recognized by the international community, recently at a meeting of the Consultative Forum on Sudan held in Khartoum on 17 July 2010 during which participants recommitted to providing unified, coordinated support to the peace processes in Sudan and to ensure both a soft landing in the post-referendum period and long-term stability in the region.

In line with the high priority the United Nations has given to Sudan, I propose to chair a high-level meeting on Sudan on 24 September 2010 in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. This meeting will be an opportunity for key stakeholders to mobilize and to focus international and regional efforts on the most critical challenges facing Sudan today, including preparations for the referenda on Abyei and on the self-determination of Southern Sudan, post-referenda planning in both North and South, capacity-building in Southern Sudan, developments in Darfur, and the current situation in Eastern Sudan.

An agenda as well as the list of invitees is attached for your information. I look forward to your personal participation at this very important event.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen
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HL meeting on Sudan

SG to PM of Denmark

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