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Nairobi, 2 February 2015

Dear Mr. Al-Za'tari,

It was a pleasure to meet you during my visit to Sudan to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Physical Development, upon the invitation of Honourable Mr. Hassan Hilal.

I was very saddened to discuss the recent unfortunate expulsion of the two most senior management staff of UNDP, and the potential consequences of this action.

I was pleased to meet with the United Nations Country Team and discuss urbanisation issues and challenges in Sudan, and convey the positive message of the New Urban Agenda emphasizing the importance of urbanisation well-planned and its potential to drive sustainable development and prosperity.

Once again, I would like to express our deep appreciation to you and to UNDP Sudan for the continuous support to UN-Habitat, and look forward to our continued collaboration with UNDP and other UN agencies, funds and programmes to harness the transformative force of sustainable urbanisation to enhance economic growth, productivity, and national development.

Please accept my warmest regards and wishes to you and the UNCT members in Sudan.



Dr. Joan Clos

UN Under-Secretary-General and  
Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Mr. Ali Al-Za'tari,  
Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator  
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