



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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4 April 2007

Excellency,

Further to our telephone conversation earlier today, I was very glad that we were able to discuss the situation in Darfur at the meeting convened by King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia on the margins of the summit of the League of Arab States on 28 March 2007 in Riyadh. I would like to thank you for your constructive contribution to the meeting, which, in my view, represented a significant step towards the lasting settlement of the tragedy in Darfur.

I was somewhat surprised, however, that the League of Arab States "Statement on Developments of Darfur Peace Process," dated 29 March 2007, was at variance with the letter and spirit of the statement agreed upon during the meeting on 28 March 2007. I would very much appreciate it if you could confirm that the 28 March statement, which I attach to this letter, represents the understanding shared and approved by all participants in the meeting, in particular with regard to the agreement to "hold a technical consultative briefing at the earliest possible date to finalise the agreement on the [United Nations] heavy support package [for the African Mission in Sudan]."

On this assumption, we would be glad to proceed in coordination with the African Union (AU) with preparations to organize such a briefing on 9 April 2007 in Addis Ababa. We hope that the Government of Sudan will agree to participate at this important technical briefing aimed at clarifying the recommendations jointly elaborated by the AU and the United Nations.

His Excellency
Mr. Amre Moussa
Secretary-General
of the League of Arab States
Cairo



It is my sincere hope that, through the commitment of all key stakeholders, we could achieve an early, comprehensive and viable settlement to the conflict and humanitarian suffering in Darfur. I know that I can count on your personal support in this regard.

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

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Ban Ki-Moon

**Meeting on situation in Darfur
at the LAS Summit on 28 March 2007, Riyadh**

At the invitation of H. M. King of Saudi Arabia, the UN Secretary-General, President Bashir of Sudan, AU Chairperson Konaré, and the Secretary-General of the LAS, met today to discuss the situation in Darfur.

The participants recognized the need for the United Nations, African Union (AU) and League of Arab States (LAS) to work together to seek an early and comprehensive settlement to the conflict and humanitarian suffering in Darfur.

Based on this recognition, they agreed to redouble efforts to bring all parties concerned, including non-signatories and the Government of Sudan, to the peace process to accelerate political reconciliation.

In parallel with the political process, they also agreed on the shared need to move expeditiously ahead with the AU-UN peacekeeping operation. Reaffirming the commitment of the Government of Sudan to the Abuja and Addis agreements, they agreed to hold a technical consultative briefing at the earliest possible date, to finalise the agreement on the heavy support package.

They commended the agreement reached on 28 March 2007 between the Government of Sudan and the United Nations on humanitarian access, and expected its faithful implementation to improve the humanitarian situation and to facilitate the work of humanitarian agencies.

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the attached letter to His Excellency Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Yahya A. Mahmassani
Permanent Observer
for the League of Arab States
to the United Nations
New York

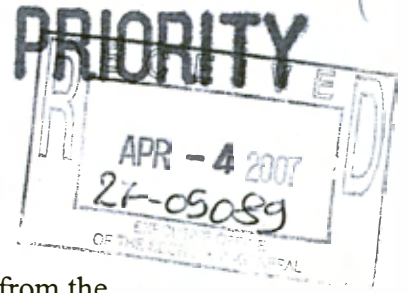
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Darfur: letter to Amr Moussa



1. Please find attached, as requested by the Secretary-General, a letter from the Secretary-General to Mr. Amr Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, seeking clarification regarding the issuance of two different statements following the summit meeting on Darfur which took place on 28 March 2007 in Riyadh.
2. Talking points for the Secretary-General's phone conversation with Mr. Moussa are also attached.

for H. Anna
Jean-Marie Guéhenne
3 April 2007

cc: Mr. Pascoe