



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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19 March 2007

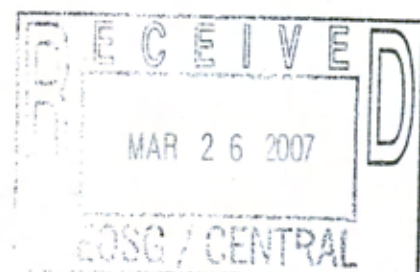
Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 18 February 2007, in which you refer to the issue of entry visas for the High-level Mission to assess the situation of human rights in Darfur.

Your Excellency will recall that Human Rights Council decision S-4/101 entitled "Situation of human rights in Darfur," adopted by the Council at its fourth special session on 13 December 2006, mandated the establishment of a High-level Mission to assess the human rights situation in Darfur and the needs of the Sudan in this regard. As noted in your letter, I had the occasion to discuss the issue with the President of the Republic of the Sudan during my meeting with him in Addis Ababa on 29 January 2007, and to receive his assurances of cooperation.

I have been informed that numerous efforts were made by the High-level Mission and others to secure the necessary visas for this Mission between 26 January 2007 and 14 February 2007. It is with regret that I learned that visas were not provided to the members and staff of the Mission. However, as Your Excellency will be aware, the Mission determined that, in spite of the lack of entry visas, it would nevertheless proceed to carry out its mandated duties, working from locations outside the Sudan and that it would report to the Human Rights Council.


His Excellency
Mr. Lam Akol Adjawin
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of the Sudan
Khartoum



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I have also noted Your Excellency's concerns with regard to the composition of the Mission. Under the terms of decision S-4/101, the appointment of the highly-qualified persons was the prerogative of the President of the Human Rights Council. It should be noted that the President consulted the Permanent Mission about highly-qualified persons. As for the appointment and retention of the support staff of the Mission, let me reiterate that this discretion rests solely with the Secretariat and that I have full confidence in its staff. I thank you for our continuing dialogue.

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


Ban Ki-Moon

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Lam Akol Adjawin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Abdalmahmood Abdalhaleem Mohamad
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of the Sudan to the United Nations
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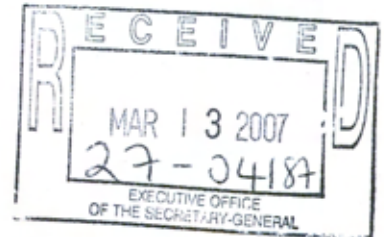
Dear Andrew,

You may wish to review the attached draft in view of recent developments. Since I do not have all the elements, I leave it to you to review substance. Any thanks

Lana

PS. I fully agree w/ NRI's amendment in cover note about not →

LK



Note to Mr. Nambiar

Letter from the Foreign Minister of Sudan

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1. This is in reference to your Note of 22 February 2007 forwarding a letter dated 18 February 2007 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Foreign Minister of the Sudan regarding the High-Level Mission of the Human Rights Council. You request our joint views on the matter together with a draft response. 7

2. In our view, the Secretary-General should reply to the letter and not be drawn into the issue of the composition of the High-Level Mission, which under Decision S-4/101 of the Human Rights Council, was a matter for the President of the Human Rights Council. Further, we would not comment on the "Code of Conduct" of the mechanisms and special procedures of the Council, as this is clearly a matter for the Council.

3. We enclose a draft letter of response for the approval and signature of the Secretary-General, which was prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and reviewed by my Office. We also enclose for your approval and signature a letter to the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan requesting that he transmit the letter of the Secretary-General to the Foreign Minister.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. Michel".

Nicolas Michel
12 March 2007

cc. Ms. Arbour