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Letter dated 17 August 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Minister of Justice of the Republic of the Sudan has issued a decree, on 16 August 2011, establishing a committee to assess the human rights situation as well as compliance with the international humanitarian law in South Kordofan in the wake of the recent incidents triggered by the Sudan People's Liberation Army after the failure of their candidate to win the post of governor of the state last May.

The committee comprises all the relevant Ministries and Government bodies, under the chairmanship of the rapporteur of the consultative council of human rights.

The decree authorizes the committee to collect information and documents and verify them; visit camps of displaced persons and conduct interviews with the residents; and seek the views of local authorities and citizens.

The decree also made it possible for the committee to seek the assistance of whoever it deems appropriate to carry out its assignment and to submit its report within two weeks of the date of commencing its work.

Having brought this matter to your kind attention, I request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
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