

ANNEXE 5



Sudan International Defence Group المنظمة العالمية للدفاع عن السودان

Founding Statement

24 July 2008:

The decision by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to indict the president of Sudan for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity is a serious matter as it constitutes a challenge to the sovereignty and dignity of the people of Sudan.

It is a blow to the peace agreement in the South and puts obstacles on the way of resolving the Darfur conflict; in addition, it aborts the newly born democratization process by creating a constitutional vacuum, a matter that puts the country on the brink of a comprehensive civil war that might possibly turn Sudan into another Iraq.

Thus, and recognizing the significance of the responsibility shouldered by us, as citizens of Sudan, as regards to maintaining the country's unity and stability, decided to form the Sudan International Defence Group (SIDG) which emphasizes that it is not taking sides in the Darfur conflict and other conflicts in Sudan; moreover, it adopts peaceful and democratic work principles.

The committee sees that the Sudan's most optimal way out of the crisis is represented in carrying out a fair investigation process under the supervision of the African Union into violations in Darfur committed by all parties, besides constituting a special court in Sudan for that purpose, in addition to establishing a commission of national reconciliation similar to that of South Africa.

The committee recognizes the necessity for continuing the efforts to implement articles of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and putting the Darfur peace Plan in practice.

According to above, the committee calls all the Sudanese people to support a program of specific features to express their rejection of the prosecutor's application by:

- 1- Mounting a legal challenge to the prosecutor's application.
- 2- Launching a million signature petition by Sudanese people.
- 3- Organizing worldwide demonstrations and leading a demonstration to the court premises in the Hague.

The committee shall spare no pains to cooperate with all peace loving organizations inside and outside Sudan for the sake of avoiding the threat endangering our country.

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