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FOR THE SUDAN

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To: UN DONORS PRINCIPALS GROUP - Khartoum
Cc. UN Donors Working Level Group – Khartoum

Dear Colleagues

GREATER DARFUR SPECIAL INITIATIVE

As you know, the recent situation in the greater Darfur Region has given cause for serious concern.

During the current mission to the Sudan of Ambassador Tom Vraalsen, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs, we have had the opportunity, this week, to visit the three Darfur states and review circumstances on the ground, consult with authorities at both Khartoum and state levels, and consider the assistance that the international community could offer to help the people most seriously affected by the crisis, defuse associated tensions, and begin to address the complex underlying causes of the problems in Greater Darfur.

Accordingly, I enclose an urgent appeal for your support to the **Greater Darfur Special Initiative**. I hope that you might agree that, for self-evident reasons, a generous and timely response from the international community is well-merited.

I remain at your disposal for any discussions. **You are also cordially invited to a special meeting of the donors' group at 2.30 pm today in the UNDP Conference room in my Office.** This will be addressed by Ambassador Vraalsen.

With thanks for your support, and best regards,

Yours sincerely
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