



**Statement
issued by the
Arab Ambassadors Council in Ethiopia
concerning the application by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal
Court for a warrant of arrest against H.E. the President of Sudan**

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The Arab Ambassadors Council in Addis Ababa (AAC), studied the situations and the possible and the expected consequences if the International Criminal Court (ICC) continue with the of the application of its Prosecutor of issuing warrant of arrest against H.E. President Omar Hassn Al-Bashir President of the Republic of Sudan, regarding the situations in Darfur region, that application which contains dangerous and serious accusations which are so hard to believe that the Prosecutor has attained through work of professional and credible legal committee.

AAC expressed serious concerns towards that irresponsible, unprecedented and unjustified step, and to the grave repercussions that it will raise, which will lead to negative situations with adverse consequences which will surely affect stability and the security of the Sudan, and it will have negative impact on the sincere efforts undertaken by the Government of Sudan (GoS) in cooperation with the International Community toward achieving the security and peace in the whole country, it will also affect the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) between North and South, nevertheless it will seriously affect security and peace in the whole region.

AAC notes that while rebel movements in Darfur continue to carry out destructive and criminal actions against the GoS, launch attacks on the Sudanese Capital and UNAMID troops, attacking humanitarian relief convoys which resulted in tens of casualties, in this regard AAC express its disappointment of the application of double standards and sending wrong messages to the rebel movements, this all are attributed to the failure of the International institutions and concerned developed countries of expressing their denunciation for these criminal activities, and to exercise pressure on these rebel groups and stop providing them with any support.

AAC reiterates the importance of respecting the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Sudan as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of the Sudan. The Council also warns against jeopardizing national dialogue in the country.

AAC denounces politicization of criminal justice through the abuse of the umbrella of international justice as a means to execute a political agenda against the Sudan. AAC stresses the importance of giving due respect to the International Criminal Court and its independence. The Court should be kept away from any influence of interference in its conduct of business.