

A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the renewal of US
Sanctions unilaterally imposed on Sudan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its deepest regrets for the decision which was announced by American Government to renew the unilaterally imposed by it sanctions on Sudan, that regrettable decision renews the sanctions which were imposed since 1997. These sanctions are regrettably extended for another year beginning November 3, 2015.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also totally rejects the reasons and explanations which were offered by the White House in its statement on the renewal of the sanctions. It does not require reminding of the international consensus on rejecting any unilaterally imposed economic sanctions for these lack any international legitimacy.

The unilateral measure represents a serious violation of international law, and also violates the rights of the people to develop to achieve economic growth and prosperity. These measures prevent pursuit of sustainable development and prevent combating poverty, ignorance and disease. Also countries of the world have unanimously agreed that economic sanctions represent threat to social peace and security and they lead to intensification of conflicts and extend the duration such conflicts.

The US decision to renew the unilateral sanctions, such a decision comes at a time in which the Sudan is continuing her constructive efforts in achieving stability and establishing security in the region as well as in her geographical surrounding. This is implemented by the role that the country plays in combating:

Cross – border organized crime, human trafficking and cooperation with international anti terror efforts, also the Sudan at present host vast quantities of refugees from the neighbor countries.

While reject any justification for the renewal of US imposed sanctions, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs re affirms the awareness by the Sudanese Government of its responsibilities towards its citizens. It also reaffirms the Government determination to co continue honouring the commitment which was made by the President of the Republic to open the door wide-open before all Sudanese and to successfully conclude the National dialogue process. These efforts aspire to reach a national consensus acceptable to all inhabitants of the Sudan so that development, advancement and prosperity are achieved and peace and stability will prevail in all Sudanese Area.

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