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STATEMENT

**International Donor Conference
For Reconstruction And Development in Darfur**

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The United Nations Industrial Development Organization UNIDO wishes to compliment the Secretariat of the Conference for the excellent preparations. It also expresses great appreciation to the State of Qatar for spearheading the DOHA DOCUMENT FOR PEACE IN DARFUR DDPD, as well as for hosting this important event, and for extending its hospitality to the participating delegations.

UNIDO's mandate addresses **Poverty reduction through productive activities**, and provides technical expertise by supporting sustainable development in developing and post crisis economies.

UNIDO supported Sudan Technically for several years in response to the national priorities set by the Sudanese Government within specific areas of interventions, namely:

- Industrial policies and modernization programmes
- Small and medium enterprise policy framework
- Business, Investment Promotion & Technology transfer
- Renewable Energies and Green Industries
- Agro- Industries
- Vocational training and Job creation

Within the context of **Strategies for peace and development**, in line with the **2006 Darfur Peace Agreement**, and both **2011 and 2013 Doha Agreements**, the **Darfur Regional Authority (DRA)** in coordination with UN agencies, including UNIDO, and other development partners, contributed to the **Darfur Joint Assessment Mission (DJAM)** in September-October 2012.

UNIDO was a co-lead with the World Bank in providing support for the **Private Sector Development Thematic Group**, where the five States of Darfur identified priority areas like **Agribusiness, Leather and Tourism** in supporting the development of sectoral investment strategies. Furthermore, two states (North and South Darfur) expressed the need to develop the **Mining Industry sector**.



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UNIDO in its intervention **recognizes Darfur market viability** with the presence of a significant number of Micro, Small and Medium scale businesses. Consequently, UNIDO development strategy for Darfur would be addressing the following:

- (i) Expansion of agro-based industries, though promotion of Private investment and enhancement of agricultural value chains;
- (ii) Attainment of food security through extension of cultivated Areas and intensification of agricultural production;
- (iii) Increase of agricultural productivity of staple food grains;
- (iv) Promotion of agricultural exports;
- (v) Maintaining environmentally sound practices, in conjunction with exploitation of natural resources;
- (vi) Skills development, entrepreneurship, Job creation with emphasis on Youth and Women.

We seize this opportunity to welcome the establishment of the UN Financial facility supporting reconstruction in Darfur, hoping it gets adequate support by the International Community, while observing with the highest standards of transparency and accountability, and strengthening upon its National ownership.

To conclude, UNIDO is ready and committed to assist the DRA, in practical action and Technical Assistance required for programming and implementation. It looks forward to close cooperation with the International Community, Donor Agencies, UNAMID, and all Development Partners, in working together towards sustainable economic recovery, contributing to the peace process in Darfur.
