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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you in order to express my grave concern regarding the terrible human rights situation in Sudan and to urge you, as the chief diplomatic representative of the United States to the United Nations and as the incoming President of the Security Council, to press the UNSC members to take action to end the abuses and bring those responsible to account.

In particular, I hope that, under your leadership, the Security Council will:

- Call upon the government of Sudan to release all persons including human rights defenders being held under arbitrary detention by the government in violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights and to ensure independent, prompt and effective investigations into the detention practices by Sudanese security services.¹
- Urge the Government of Sudan to ensure unrestricted access for humanitarian organizations and UNAMID to all areas of Darfur and for the Government and the SPLA-N to agree on a framework for humanitarian access to opposition controlled areas in South Kordofan and Blue Nile, and ensure that UN and African Union refugee and IDP protection standards are respected.
- Acknowledging that the Government of Sudan in January extended the unilateral ceasefire in Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile for six more months, we urge you to call upon the government to end targeted attacks against civilians and work with other members of the UNSC to institute a comprehensive arms embargo that would cover Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile.²
- Fully investigate the use of chemical weapons and other war crimes committed in the Jebel Marra region of Darfur in 2016 and, if there is sufficient admissible evidence, support the prosecution of all individuals suspected of responsibility and work to ensure an end to the use of all chemical weapons and other inherently indiscriminate weapons.³

I thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Address:

¹ UN General Assembly Resolution [A/RES/53/144](#) adopting the Declaration on human rights defenders and African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights Resolution #69 on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders In Africa.

² SCORCHED EARTH, POISONED AIR, SUDANESE GOVERNMENT FORCES RAVAGE JEBEL MARRA, DARFUR, Amnesty International 2016, *available at* <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2016/09/chemical-weapons-attacks-darfur/>.

³ *Ibid.*