

## **Statement from Conference on Sudanese Reconciliation July 3, 2007**

We the Sudanese attending the Conference on Reconciliation held in Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-4, 2007, hereby declare our vision for the future of our beloved Sudan. We understand that we have all endured great hardships in the past and currently face great challenges with regard to the future of our country; however, we vow to no longer be used as tools by the minority clique regimes in Khartoum to divide and rule the country. We hereby vow to recognize and put behind our grievances and differences for the greater good of a complete Sudan. We envision a just, free and democratic New Sudan where all people are equal citizens, particularly those who have been marginalized; where each Sudanese from the North to the South, and from the East to the West, will have freedom, liberty and justice in a democratic New Sudan.

### ***Specific considerations:***

- We condemn the recent killing of innocent demonstrators in Nubia and call for a halt of the construction of the Kajbar Dam.
- We condemn the continued genocide against our brothers and sisters in Darfur.
- We support and encourage the efforts of the Government of South Sudan and the SPLM, the US government, and the international community to bring together Darfurians, and to bring an end to the oppression of the people of Darfur.
- We want to be sure the Asmara peace agreement does address the basic issues of the armed struggle of the Beja people to bring enduring peace. We call on the international community to ensure inclusion of all people in the Beja region.
- We strongly encourage the full implementation of the CPA.
- We endorse education as a tool for reconciliation which may include: cultural awareness, awareness regarding the problem of the marginalized, development of the national languages, leadership training and using the influence of traditional leaders to spread awareness and encourage reconciliation.

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