

SUDAN Right of Reply

#1 Reply to intervention ^{on behalf of UK, Ireland & Slovakia & others} of the Council.

(1) We have ~~not~~ stated our position regarding the entry visas to the mission in the previous statement of our minister ~~and to the President~~ ~~and in previous~~ intervention of the Council.

(2) The British Minister said that the promise to let the mission in Sudan was not honoured. But words should not be taken out of their context. Govt. decisions are institutional based and on ~~the~~ basis of our position made known to all of you here in Geneva, and within that context the meeting of the President of Sudan and the U.N. Sec. General took place.

(3) Our cooperation with this council and its activities is well known and does not need to be emphasized. But

Sudan can't be forced to accept a member of an assessment mission whose neutrality, independence and objectivity is questioned (or put to doubt).

We publicly accepted to issue entry visas to ~~the other~~ members of the mission.

(4) The honorable British Minister knows well that his delegates in Geneva, have unduely influenced the composition of the mission by discouraging some nominated members from joining the mission.

(5) Contrary to what the hon. Minister from Ireland has said the situation in Darfur is continuously improving. This has been recently stated

by Minister ~~Hillary~~ Hillary Ben
in an interview with the
B.B.C, ~~etc~~ and by the
USA charge d'affairs in
~~Khartoum~~ Khartoum.

- (6) The problem of Darfur is
not an unsolved problem.
The problem can be solved
and a basis for its solution
has already been ~~achieved~~
~~Abuja~~ embodied in the
DARFUR PEACE Agreement signed
in Abuja last year. All/parties
are ~~more~~ determined to solve
the problem through negotiations.
~~This~~ This should be encouraged
by the international community,
instead of criticising and imposing
sanctions.