

**Bilateral Agreement for the Development and Strengthening of Relations between the
Republic of Sudan and the Republic of Chad**

Starting with the wish of the government of the Republic of Sudan and the government of the Republic of Chad (referred to below as the two parties) to strengthen the links of fraternal friendship between the two countries, and to strengthen the historical ties between these brother nations in every domain;

Undertaking to respect the principles of neighbourly relations, of non-interference in the interior affairs of other countries, and the resolution of conflicts by peaceful means;

Conscious of the destructive effects of armed conflicts on security, stability and development efforts in the two countries;

Taking into account the objectives and principles of the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

Responding to the generous initiative and sincere efforts of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz;

The two parties emphasise their agreement to the following articles:

Article (1)

The two parties reiterate their complete commitment to respecting the agreements signed between them, both bilateral and multilateral, notably the Tripoli Agreement signed on February 8 2006, as well as the commitments made or foreseen in the minutes of bilateral and multilateral meetings, for the purpose of implementing the Tripoli Agreement, and normalising the situation between Sudan and Chad.

Article (2)

The two parties undertake to work sincerely and seriously in order to develop and strengthen political, economic and social relations between the two countries, and to work actively for this purpose using official and informal channels in each country.

Article (3)

The two parties undertake to do the following:

- a. Respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the other party, and avoid interference in the internal affairs of the other.
- b. Prohibit the use of territory in either country to receive, mobilise, train, allow the passage or supply of armed movements against the other party; or the provision of any form of material or moral support to these movements, and to endeavour to remove them from the territory of the two countries.

- c. Support the political and security efforts of the African Union, in order to re-establish stability in the province of Darfur and on the borders between the two countries, by applying the Darfur peace agreements.

Article (4)

The two parties reiterate their commitment to making every effort necessary for full implementation of the Tripoli Agreement, in particular in relation to the activities of the High Military Committee which the parties agreed to set up on August 28, 2006, and to take those concrete measures necessary for its activation.

Article (5)

The two parties agree to jointly develop and consolidate economic and social relations between the two countries in the best interests of the two brother nations; in this regard the two parties undertake to open direct channels of communication between those in charge in the two countries, and to encourage both official and private contacts, particularly between businessmen and investors; to conclude agreements and protocols to this effect, and anything else necessary for common cooperation.

Article (6)

The two parties agree to cooperate and to work jointly in order to develop and consolidate relations between border regions, particularly in the economic and health domains; and in general in cross border commerce, the control of epidemics, transport and communications; by establishing structures and protocols to this effect.

Article (7)

The two parties undertake to work and cooperate with the African Union and the United Nations to find a durable solution to the conflict in Darfur and in the east of Chad, to achieve peace and stability in the interests of all.

Article (8)

This agreement enters into effect upon signature by both parties.

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Signatures

Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan

Idriss Deby ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad

In presence of servitor of the two holy places, the King Abdullah Bin, Abdul Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia Kingdom