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SUDAN-UKRAINIAN RELATIONS: VIVID AND FRUITFUL ENCOUNTER

The development of bilateral relations between Sudan and Ukraine was witnessed by the agreement of Leaders of two countries (President Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir and former President Viktor Yanukovich) to open the Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan in Ukraine in 2013. Since then both parties have sought to enhance and strengthen the cooperation in many fields of mutual interest.

The opening of the Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan in Ukraine in Kyiv at the ambassadorial level became a culmination of friendly relations between our countries and a testimony of mutual will and genuine desire to strengthen ties for the benefit of both nations.

The mutual support may be seen on general international level. Both countries stand for common positions at the United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77, as well as in many similar international bodies.

Both Sudan and Ukraine have vowed to accelerate the pace of their bilateral relations and assist in mutual political and economic arrangements and discussions in order to establish interdepartmental commission, exchange drafts of agreements and memorandums on mutual understanding to conclude various agreements in trade and investments, agriculture, education and science, technologies and other areas of cooperation to promote the opportunities and well-being of both nations.

Pursuant thereto, our parties planned to convene the first session of the Joint Political Consultation Committee in Kyiv this July, which, we hope, will give the opportunity for further cooperation between Sudan and Ukraine.

It is worth noting the importance of economic cooperation. Currently import of goods and commodities from Ukraine to Sudan comprises several billions dollars. Ukraine is our partner in supply of wheat and millet, oil and oil-plant seeds, as well as various industrial goods and apparatus.

Speaking about my impressions regarding Ukraine, I have to say that it is great honour and delight for me to be the second Ambassador of Sudan to this wonderful and friendly state. I was impressed by splendid and amical utterances that I heard during the encounters with Ukrainian officials and public representatives. Therefore, with great pleasure I perform the Ambassador's duties in this



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Ceremony of credentials presentation. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Sudan to Ukraine Mohamed Eisa Ismail Dahab

beautiful and highly disciplined, organized and developed country. In addition, I am amazed and touched by cordial receptions, meetings during the presentation of credentials to Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine.

I am impressed and grateful for the discussions and stern intentions expressed by the President of Ukraine during that meeting regarding further development and strengthening Ukraine-Sudanese relations in various fields. I hope to witness that these desires and pronounced instructions will be achieved in order to establish continuous cooperation, coordination and friendship between the two countries.

I also delighted to visit the marvellous city of Kyiv, and to see the magnificent Dnipro River. It is really great luck to serve in this beautiful country with incredibly modest, generous and kind people and represent Sudan here. I am determined to show myself worthy of this fortune.

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