

Final Declaration
The International Conference
for
Development and Reconstruction
for
Darfur

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In implementation of the resolution issued by the 36th session of the OIC Ministerial Council in May 2009, the International Donors Conference for Development and Reconstruction of Darfur convened in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt, on March 21st, 2010, under the title of (Development for Peace) under the co-chairmanship of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Turkey and under the auspices of the OIC. OIC members, the Islamic Financial Institutions, the countries and international donors institutions, the United Nations, the Arab League, the African Union, representatives of the regional and international organizations, NGOs operating in the region of Darfur in the Republic of Sudan and the international relief organizations participated at the Conference.

The broad participation in the International Donors Conference for Development and Reconstruction of Darfur and the pledges announced reflect the extent of the international committee and the wish to support and bolster the objectives of achieving peace, stability, and development for the citizens of Sudan in Darfur, as well as the keenness on deepening the course of the peace settlement there, especially in view of the positive development that recently took place, namely, the resumption of negotiations between the Government and armed movements in Darfur, signing a peace framework agreement between the Sudanese Government and Justice and Equality Movement, and then the framework agreement and the cease-fire agreement

between the Sudanese Government and the Liberation and Justice Movement in Darfur. The Conference hopes that these developments would encourage the other armed movements to catch up the process of peace in a way that reflects on the achievement of security, stability, and the voluntary repatriation all over Darfur.

The broad participation in the Conference reflected the firm vision of the international community of the importance of development as a prelude to peace and stability in Darfur, having in mind that the standing crisis there is essentially a crisis of the lack of development, with a special stress on the importance of reaching a political settlement, and a final just and comprehensive peace agreement to establish peace and stability in Darfur.

The projects which will be financed in Darfur through the pledges announced during the Conference, centered on six sectors of paramount priority to the citizens of Darfur; water, agriculture, live stock and forest, the cement industry and roads, agricultural processing, housing and physical planning, rural development, women's development and capacity building, health and education.

The aggregate total of the pledges announced during the Conference was \$ 850 millions offered by the Islamic Development Band, Qatar, Algeria, Turkey, Brazil, Morocco, Australia and a big number of international organizations and civil society organizations.

The participants delegations in the Conference pledged to continue financial support, development and humanitarian assistant to the people of Sudan in Darfur, according to the standing mechanism, for example the United States announced that it already offered \$ 6 billion over the past five years and will offer during the current year \$ 528 millions, both Norway and Canada announced to offer \$ 100 millions the same amount offered over the past years, France offers \$ 75 millions annually, Saudi Arabia offers \$ 40 millions, for the reconstruction, establishment of water yards and health centers.

Several delegations offered development programmes and assistance to the service sectors in Darfur, such as the Arab Republic of Egypt, which announced the continuation of sending medical convoys to Darfur, offering vocational training programmes, in the fields of agricultural processing and agricultural production, rehabilitation of woman, rural development projects,

in addition to drilling 40 water wells. Kuwait, Iran, Italy, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Holland announced the offer of development and humanitarian assistance to Darfur.

The Conference adopted a proposal submitted by the sister state of Qatar on a development bank in Darfur to be based in Sudan. This bank will mobilize all the pledges pertaining to the development and reconstruction of Darfur. The Conference adopted also a proposal by the Arab Republic of Egypt on the formation of a committee to coordinate assistance to Darfur. This committee will take care of depositing and implementing the pledges and the allocation of the resources for the projects agreed upon. The committee comprises the members of the preparatory committee of this Conference, namely, Sudan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, OIC, Islamic Development Bank, in addition to Qatar and major international Donors.

The OIC Secretariat General will submit a report on the proceedings and outcomes of this Conference to the OIC Foreign Ministers Council meeting, scheduled in Tajikistan, in May 2010.

As I look forward that our collective efforts result in establishing peace in Sudan, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Excellencies, head of delegates, and the distinguished members who participated in the Conference.