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**Press Statement
The Archbishop of Canterbury Visits Sudan**

The Sudanese Foreign Minister Prof Ibrahim Ghandour welcomed today 31 July 2017 the Archbishop of Canterbury, the most reverend Justin Welby who is visiting Sudan. The Archbishop expressed his thanks and appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality which he received from the people and Government of Sudan. He also praised the spirit of religious tolerance among the Sudanese people and the Sudanese Government's commitment to the freedom of worship for all faiths, and lauded the Sudanese Government's aid to South Sudanese refugees.

The Foreign Minister elaborated that religious tolerance was one of the characteristics that distinguish the Sudanese people and that religious freedom is included in the political manifesto of the current Government of National Consensus. H.E. went on to explain the Government's efforts in helping and offering a safe haven for the brothers and sisters who arrive as refugees from South Sudan.

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