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HE the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Abd Elghani Elnaim welcomed at his office today Sunday 26 March 2017 the Charge' d'Affaires of the US Embassy in Khartoum, Ambassador Steven Koutsis.

The meeting discussed the latest developments in the humanitarian situation in South Sudan and the ways of coordination and cooperation between Sudan and the US to address the repercussions. HE the Undersecretary cited Sudan's principled stance that was declared by His Excellency the President of the Republic and materialised in sending immediately twenty thousand tonnes of grain as emergency aid to South Sudan, while coordinating with other donors and organizations in securing delivery of humanitarian relief across the border of Sudan.

In the meeting, Ambassador Elnaim conveyed to the American Charge' Sudan's approval to open a new corridor for transporting food and humanitarian aid through El-Obied-Heglig- Ribkona-Bentiu corridor, while the other corridor is already operating, transporting food and humanitarian aid by land and river from the town of Kosti, as provided by the tripartite MOU between Sudan, South Sudan and the WFP (representing the UN). The Undersecretary went on to add that Sudan is in contact with several countries which have expressed interest to send humanitarian aid across its borders to South Sudan. He emphasised that Sudan will spare no effort to help the brotherly South Sudan until peace and stability are restored.

Expressing appreciation for the efforts of the Government of Sudan in this regards, the US Charge' d'Affaires indicated the importance of consolidating coordination between the two Sudans in addressing the humanitarian needs in South Sudan. Sudan and the US confirmed in the meeting their continued cooperation to bring about stability and peace in South Sudan.

The Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Khartoum, 26th March 2017