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## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

### **Statement**

The US State Department issued on 30 March 2017 its regular Sudan Travel Warning referring to Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile.

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejects this warning that does not take into consideration the important developments and considerable changes that have taken place in Sudan, and would like to emphasise the following facts:

This travel warning contradicts the reality of the current situation in Sudan. Quite recently well publicised visits were undertaken by the former US envoy to Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile. That was followed by a visit of the British delegation to Darfur; then the visit of all EU Ambassadors who toured freely all Darfur's States. Moreover, a US delegation has recently visited Abyei, over and above visits by other delegates from different countries.

This annual travel warning comes without any objective justification, and is inconsistent with reports by the AU, UN and Arab League that confirm the state of security and stability in Darfur and the two areas.

The Government of the Sudan is forging ahead robustly in consolidating security and peace all over the country. HE the President has declared a six month ceasefire and the Government has accepted the US offer to deliver humanitarian aid to the Two Areas. Our country is looking forward to the

formation of a new national accord government which is one of the recommendations of the National Dialogue that included all political forces.

The allegation of risk of terror in Sudan is at variance with the appreciation and acclaim of American Intelligence Agencies as well as senior members of the US administration about the substantive effort and considerable cooperation by the Sudanese Government in combating terrorism, violent extremism and its irrefutable role in regional peace and security. Sudanese security organisations are alert and capable of protecting the country's stability and providing full security for visitors from all over the world.

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges its US counterpart to reexamine objectively the inaccurate information that led to this negative travel warning, and do so in line with the spirit of the positive top level bilateral Dialogue which is currently underway between our two countries, and is heading towards normalising relations in line with their national interests including combating terrorism and preserving international peace and security.

**Office of the Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

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