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**Office of the Spokesperson****Press Statement of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan on the Government of National Unity Decision to Terminate his Mission**

***Khartoum, 22 October 2006*** – The State Minister OF Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ali Karti, called to me today for a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He informed me that the Government of National Unity of the Sudan wrote a letter to the United Nations Secretary-General, of which he gave me a copy, informing him that the Government “*considers*” my “*mission as Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in the Sudan terminated*” and that I am “*requested to leave the territory of the Republic of the Sudan within 72 hours effective 12:00 noon of Sunday 22 October 2006.*”

In response to State Minister of Foreign Affairs, I informed him that I will be conveying the content of the letter to the Secretary-General, which I did today. The Secretary-General called me for consultations at the UN Headquarter. I will be leaving tomorrow to New York for that purpose.

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