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**UNMIS Clarifies Status of Situation Reports**

Khartoum on 11 July 2006 – The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) wishes to clarify a public misperception that has developed with regards to the status of the Mission's Situation Reports.

Situation Reports generally sum up the main events, incidents and developments on the ground in the various areas of operation in Sudan. As public records of occurrences, the reports include statements and accounts from a wide range of sources and witnesses such as the internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, representatives of the Government, rebel movements, non-governmental organizations and others.

As such, statements and accounts cited in the Situation Reports and quoted from such individuals do not, and by definition cannot, represent the views of UNMIS. They are simply quotations gathered from the field and only reflect the experience and opinions of their respective witnesses and narrators.

Some news reports over the past two days have given to the public the impression that a specific portion of one of our recent Situation Reports that included statements from some IDPs were instead UNMIS's own pronouncements. This is certainly not the case, as the report in question clearly and unmistakably attributed those statements to IDPs and not to any UNMIS officials or representatives.

UNMIS wishes to seize the opportunity to reiterate its firm commitment to impartiality and objectivity in performing its mandate and in conducting all of its operations and activities in Sudan.

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