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Your Majesty,

We just learned with dismay that President Omar al-Bashir, who has been charged with the most serious crimes in international law by the International Criminal Court, has just arrived in Amman for the 28th League of Arab States Summit.

We urge your government to take all steps necessary to arrest Omar al-Bashir immediately and surrender him to the International Criminal Court in The Hague so that he can face justice.

Your government joined the ICC on behalf of the Jordanian people – The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is now bound to uphold the unequivocal commitments set out in the Rome Statute to bring to justice perpetrators of crimes that shock the conscience of humanity. The presence of an ICC fugitive in Amman demeans the reputation of the Kingdom of Jordan as leading state in the advancement of international law in the Arab region. It is Jordan's legal obligation set out in both the Rome Statute and in Security Council Resolution 1593 to fully cooperate with the Court and arrest President al-Bashir without any delay.

President al-Bashir is subject to two outstanding arrest warrants issued by the ICC in 2009 and 2010 on charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed in Darfur, Sudan. These arrest warrants resulted from United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution 1593 (2005) which referred the situation in Darfur to the Court – a situation the Security Council deemed a threat to international peace and security. According to United Nations reports, approximately 300,000 people were killed, and over two million people were forced to leave their homes between 2003 and 2008, as part of the Government of Sudan's counter-insurgency campaign in Darfur.

In authorizing the arrest warrants for al-Bashir, the independent ICC judges agreed that there are substantial reasons to believe al-Bashir is responsible for the alleged crimes.

We look forward to your swift action.

Sincerely,



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