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The ACIJLP calls upon the Sudanese Government to cooperate with the International Criminal Court (ICC)

The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) calls upon the Sudanese Government the necessity to cooperate with the International Criminal Court (ICC) as an independent international judicial mechanism. In the same context the ACIJLP urges the Sudanese Government to approve the request of the Prosecutor of the ICC to hand over Abdel Raheem Mohamed Hussein who is accused of committing forty-one crime against humanity and war crimes which falls within the jurisdiction of the ICC, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Such crimes are allegedly committed in the context of the situation in Darfur.

The ACIJLP also urges the Sudanese government to cooperate with the Prosecutor of the ICC because such cooperation may be the best and correct way to solve the crisis in Darfur which was referred to the ICC under Security Council's resolution no. 1593 (2005) under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

The ACIJLP calls upon the Sudanese Government that the impartiality and integrity of the ICC and guarantees for the accused to appear before the ICC in accordance with paragraphs (a, b, c, e, d) of article 66 and article 67 of the Rome Statute capable of ensure guarantees of fair trial for defendants and will make the trial far from taking a political character.

It should be noted that the Pre-Trial Chamber of the International Criminal Court, issued on 1st March 2012, a warrant of arrest against the above mentioned accused, after a request submitted by the ICC's Prosecutor which make the court reach the conclusion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accused bears criminal responsibility of 20 crime against humanity and 21 war crime.