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**Human Rights Council
Introduction of draft resolution A/HRC/5/L.6
on the human rights situation in Darfur**

**Statement of H.E. Ambassador Sameh Shoukry
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on behalf of the African Group**

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Thank you Mr. President,

I have the honor on behalf of the African Group to extend to you our congratulations on your assumption of the presidency of the Human Rights Council. We assure you of our commitment to cooperate with you for the effective fulfillment of the Council's mandate.

Mr. President,

Allow me, on behalf of the African Group, to introduce draft resolution A/HRC/5/L.6 on the human rights situation in Darfur, jointly submitted by the European Union and the African Group.

We express our hope and confidence that the resolution will be adopted by consensus, after the extensive and fruitful consultations undertaken by my predecessor, the distinguished Ambassador of Algeria, and the distinguished Ambassador of Germany on behalf of the European Union.

The resolution before us today ^{is a continuation of} comes in continuity with the consensus achieved at the fourth session of the Council, which paved the way for the adoption of a new and constructive approach that will contributeⁿ to providing the necessary protection of the rights of the Sudanese people of Darfur, as well as assisting the Government of Sudan in adequately responding to the political and humanitarian challenges that exist in the region.

The Council, in focusing on the needs of the Government of Sudan and its capacity building efforts in the field of human

rights, is therefore fulfilling its mandate in addressing the humanitarian needs of the Sudanese people of Darfur.

The African Group welcomes the spirit of cooperation that has characterized the relationship between the Government of Sudan and the Group of Experts mandated by Human Rights Council resolution 4/8. The African Group also commends the strong commitment and political will demonstrated by the Sudanese Government to cooperate with the Council and its mechanisms.

Mr. President,

We look forward to the update of the Group of Experts to the Council in September of this year, as well as the consideration of its final report to the following session, in the same positive spirit that has prevailed during the last two sessions of the Council.

I thank you.
