

Statement by
H.E. S.M.K. Sajjadpour, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent
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before the Fourth Session of Human Rights Council
on "follow - up to the decision S-4/101 on the Situation of Human Rights
in Darfur"
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In the Name of God

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC and Srilanka on behalf of the Asian group.

Mr. President,

The Government of the Sudan has shown its willing to cooperate through joining consensus on the Council's decision S-4/101 on the Situation of Human Rights in Darfur.

The Council had mandated the High Level Mission to assess the human rights situation in Darfur and the needs of the Sudan in this regard. However, the High Level Mission was not able to fulfill its mandate as stipulated in the paragraph 4 of the Council decision.

In the same manner, the High Level Mission has not visited the Sudan to assess the needs of the Sudan and prepare a report based on first hand information and realities on the ground. Similarly, the representative of one regional group took a decision to withdraw from the Mission as subsequent developments were incompatible with the letter of the mandate given by the above mentioned resolution.

In our view the report and outcome of this Mission appears to face several and major deficiencies and suffers from the lack of credibility. To put it tersely, the legitimacy of the report is seriously challenged due to the unaccomplished mandate, underlying conceptual confusion and going beyond its original limitations. On this solid grounds, my delegation is unable to comment on the content of the report.

Thank you