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Dear Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, the Hon. Tim Watts MP & the Hon. Pat Conroy MP,

Re: One year anniversary of the conflict in Sudan

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and its members, join with the Sudanese Australian Advocacy Network (SAAN) in urgently seeking additional humanitarian assistance from the Australian Government in response to the crisis in Sudan.

Specifically, we are calling on the government to provide new and additional funding of \$50 million to the crisis occurring in Sudan and the region. Sudan is facing one of the gravest humanitarian catastrophes in a lifetime and demands attention from the international community. Australia's commitment to peace and security, international norms and multilateral institutions can be demonstrated in its response to this conflict and the region.

The Australian Sudanese diaspora population is approximately 13,000 people. This is a community that is watching their loved ones, friends and country tragically caught up in a devastating conflict, and who seek more action from their government here in Australia. The \$20.45 million commitment to date is welcome but does not go far enough.

This week, more than €2 billion was committed by Canada (€90 million), members of the European Union (Germany €244 million, France €110 million) and the United Kingdom (€104 million) at the conference in Paris which marked the one-year anniversary of the war in Sudan. This means the United Nations' appeal for the conflict is now 50 per cent funded, but there is much more to go. To date, Australia has not publicly made a new pledge and we urge you to do so.

More than 25 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, 10 million children have been trapped in an active war zone during a year of war with 2.9 million children being acutely malnourished and 17.7 million people facing acute food insecurity. Across the region, 8.2 million Sudanese are now displaced internally and in neighbouring countries - countries that already face significant development and humanitarian challenges.

We recognise that due to the multiple crises arising across the world, the Humanitarian Emergency Fund has limited funding left, but we call on the Australian Government to look at its broader funding pools and meet the necessity and demand that this crisis deserves by providing new and additional humanitarian funding. ACFID members are already responding in Sudan and stand ready to significantly scale up their response.

As the 13th largest economy in the G20, Australia's responsibility is to demonstrate leadership in humanitarian response globally. It is right that the government looks beyond its immediate region to foster global peace and security and in addition to vital humanitarian assistance, uses all diplomatic measures available to call on all parties to cease the conflict in Sudan.

We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



Marc Purcell, CEO of ACFID



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Cosigned by Safer World for All and the following members of ACFID:

