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Statement by Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, U.S. Permanent Representative, on Sudan and the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, in the Security Council, June 5, 2008

We appreciate the report of Prosecutor Moreno-Ocampo. The violence in Darfur must end, and those who have committed atrocities, —genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Darfur must be held accountable and brought to justice. With that in mind, I would like to make three points.

First, we share the Prosecutor's assessment that the situation in Darfur remains alarming and that accountability for past and present crimes against the people of Darfur is needed to enhance security and to send a warning to individuals who might resort to brutality as a way of achieving their aims.

Second, we also share the concern about the continuation of attacks, not only on displaced persons and other innocent civilians, but also on UNAMID, United Nations personnel, and international aid and relief workers. Violence and criminality against those who came to help the suffering people of Darfur is barbaric and intolerable. Impunity for such acts, as the Prosecutor's report notes, feeds the element and climate of violence and it must end.

Third, the United States continues to be deeply committed to peace, stability, and the provision of humanitarian aid for the people of Sudan. Since the start of the Darfur crisis, the United States has provided more than \$4 billion in humanitarian and peacekeeping assistance to Sudan, including more than \$400 million to build 34 base camps for peacekeepers in Darfur and \$100 million to train and equip African peacekeepers in Darfur.

The United States strongly believes that those responsible for the acts of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed in Darfur must be held accountable and brought to justice. We look forward to continuing to work with other members of the Council on necessary steps including working with Costa Rica on a PRST to achieve this important objective.