In respect of the UN Human Rights Council session that is currently taking place, we are calling on the "conscience of the world" to condemn rape and sexual violence against women in Darfur. Rape and sexual violence are being used on a daily basis as weapons of war in Darfur, Sudan. Rape and sexual assault of women and girls - including girls as young as eight - is widespread in Darfur. Where committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, rape constitutes a crime against humanity. In order to immediately address this unacceptable situation, the UN Human Rights Council must:

- Demand that world leaders work with the AU and its member states to ensure that protecting women from rape and sexual assault is a priority for AMIS. The Africa Union should demonstrate that commitment by immediately increasing the number of female AMIS police officers and translators in Darfur and by extending firewood patrols around all IDP camps.
- Demand that AMIS has the financial support, material resources, and expert operational advisors it needs to implement its mandate to protect civilians.
- Call for an effective peacekeeping through the rapid deployment a UN-led force mandated to protect civilians with the expertise and the capacity to protect women from violence, including through monitoring and investigating allegations of abuse.
- Demand all armed groups stop these attacks, in particular the Government sponsored Janjaweed militia who have been responsible for a large number of the attacks in Darfur and Eastern Chad.
- Demand that the government of Sudan allow humanitarian organizations to have free and unfettered access to help victims of rape and other forms of sexual violence throughout Darfur.
- Demand that the Government of Sudan hold perpetrators of rape and sexual assault accountable for their crimes.

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