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STATEMENT FROM THE RESIDENT AND HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR FOR SUDAN

Following the decision of the Governor of South Darfur to expel the OCHA Head of Office, I have raised the issue over the past few days through existing official channels in Khartoum. Both the Government and the UN agreed that internal mechanisms would be used to further review the matter. I was thus extremely disappointed to find that the 12 allegations against the staff member, compiled by the Wali in South Darfur and HAC were published in the media yesterday. These allegations are extremely serious and contravene the agreement made with HAC that these discussions would remain internal. The UN would like to reiterate its full support for the UN staff member and to emphasise that all humanitarian workers of the UN are bound by international humanitarian principles and law. The UN reaffirms its commitment to utilise established procedures as agreed with the Government of Sudan to address this issue. The UN is taking these allegations very seriously, and will be issuing a response through the official channels in Khartoum.