



**REPUBLIC OF SUDAN**

**Statement of**

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**Madam President**  
**Excellencies**  
**Distinguished Delegates**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good evening:

**My** delegation presents to you madam sir and to the people and government of Argentina our gratitude for hosting COP4 in this beautiful country, especially this clean air city of Buenos Aires. We appreciate also the opportunity you and your country has offered to us to be acquainted with your development and your friendly people.

**My** delegation is happy to participate actively in most of the activities, continuously trying to stabilize and avoid adverse effects of emissions of green house gases on weather systems and mean sea level on earth.

**Madam** president, The Sudan was among the first to ratify the framework convention on climate change even though we are among the least emitting countries on record. Our awareness of the requirements for preserving global environment including climate change is evident in most of policies that clearly pursuing to achieve continued sustainable development.

**Madam** president, The eradication of poverty, food security, capacity building of our people, development of very necessary infrastructures, and provision of basic services is exerting a lot of pressure on our meager resources as a least developed country. Thus, the assistance and sincere cooperation of the international community for the developing countries in this regard is the number one mitigation measure against climate change. The assistance in the form of technology transfer, scientific knowledge , and technical know-how on environmentally friendly sustainable development regardless of political stand, religious , or racial considerations.

The expected contributions from the developed parties arises from their historical responsibility for GHG emissions and their lead in development that led to the high emissions encountered in the world today. Thus, it is an ethical obligation on their part to work expediently and effectively to avoid the adverse climatic events like flooding in Sudan, Bangaladish, China and the recent hurricane Mitch devastation in Latin America.

Based on this we would like to see some clear commitment from Annex I parties, and especially Annex II parties to reduce their emissions within a binding time frame and the formation of a transparent modality representing all parties for the follow up and monitoring of these commitments.

**Madam** president, We have started based on our responsibility to work seriously to build our national capacity. In this regard, we have established a national committee representing all relevant effective disciplines. In addition, training of personnel that can build national inventories has been accomplished with financial and technical help from GEF. We think that what we have to do requires more efforts and resources.

**Madam** president, Africa as you know had been subjected to a prolonged drought which had affected the observing networks of climate elements in the Sudan. Over 1000 rain gauges stations and 70 climatic stations that has been active for over 70 years with continuous records stopped working and need to be rehabilitated.

**Madam** president, Such records must continue and we do affirm the needs as specified in the deliberations of this session regarding the importance of supporting global climatic observations and its exchange.

We think that the CDM which has been discussed thoroughly could provide an effective tool to generate resources to the developing countries to achieve the necessary progress. We think that there are necessary facts that has to be catered for e.g. transparency, justice, equity, and preservation of rights of the future generations, especially in the least developed countries. We are of the opinion that the mechanism should not be a commercially competitive and not to take the advantage of the needs of the poor parties. We look forward to see it as a mechanism for social and economic progress. The mechanism efforts should coincide with clear commitment from developed countries to cut their emissions.

**Madam** president, Before I conclude, I wish success to the conference of the parties in the endeavour to attain global cooperation and understanding. Thank you Madam president.