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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.

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Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
With reference to Communication from Special Procedures: Joint Urgent Appeal, dated 16th April 2013, The Government of the Sudan would like to convey the following:

1- Regarding Mr. Sharf Eldein Tia, the government of Sudan assures that Mr. Tia has never been arrested by the national security or any other law enforcement agency.

2- On page 2 of the urgent appeal the rapporteurs regrets that no response has been received to date on their October 2012 communication in relation to Mrs. Jalila Khamis Koko, the government of Sudan would like to state that, our response to this communication has been sent to you since November 2012, that is less than one month from the date of your communication aforementioned.

3- In relation to your queries about Mr. Hatim Ali Mohamed, our response is as follows:

A. Mr. Hatim Ali was arrested on 25th March 2013 because of the existence of *prima facie-evidence* violating sections of the Criminal Law Act 1991.

B. During his arrest he was treated humanely and he was never tortured as alleged since torture was prohibited by the Interim National Constitution 2005 and the Criminal Law Act 1991 as well as the National Security Act 2010.

C. Mr. Hatim Ali was released on 25th of April 2013.
4- The Communication also refers to a communication sent to the office regarding the demonstrations that took place in Sudan on July 2012. The government of Sudan assures that the response to this communication has been sent to you on 27th of August 2012.

5- Finally, the government of Sudan regrets receiving communications from different mandate holders indicating non-cooperation due to non-receiving responses while responses were already sent and timely, hence the Government of Sudan requests the mandate holders to first check with the secretariat.

6- The Government of Sudan assures the special procedures it’s continues cooperation.