STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING OF THE ASIAN PARLIMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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Honourable delegates

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Sudan and the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) I'm indeed honored to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation, to the organising Committee, the people and government of Pakistan for the invitation extended to us to attend this historical, 7th Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), taking place here in the great Pakistani City of Lahore.

The commitments undertaken so far, by the representatives of Asian Parliaments, will put Asian continent in the right path of peace, tranquillity, prosperity and human dignity. The resolutions that you have adopted will help Asian people and member states to meeting their aspirations. In this regards I'm glad to cease this opportunity to congratulate Asian Parliaments for this great leap to transform APA into an ougust regional body that will put the huge potentials Asia enjoys into the right perspective.

In Africa, we shall never forget the Aisan unwavering
commitment to keep high, the banner of Afro-Asian solidarity, since the establishment of NAM in Bandong, (Indonesia) sixty years ago. This had facilitated the process of African liberation from the colonial yoke, thus better placing Africa, than ever, in right course to enjoy its political, economic, social and cultural human rights.

We reiterate the strong African will to continue building of a more formidable foundation, for a profound cordial relations, with Asia. We are proud that the productive partnerships established with Asia are helping both sides to achieve a sustained GDP growth, remarkably at minimum, 3.4 % annually in Africa.

Chairman
In cementing further the Afro-Asian cooperation, deepen region to region ties, we will leave no stone unturned to maintain strong cooperation with the anticipated Asian Parliament. In this regards we will forward the decisions of this historical meeting to the Pan African Parliament, the National Assembly of Sudan and the Council African Political with Parties.

It's my sincere hope, Mr Chairman, that our participation in this important meeting, will help both sides to further strengthening cordial relations between our institutions, build new horizons for people and nations.

Finally Mr. Chairman I wish to congratulate you in person and APA, for organising four meetings during one year which indicates your commitment to Asian cause.

THANK YOU ALL