

**TRANSCRIPTION OF THE ENGLISH INTERPRETATION  
OF THE STATEMENT BY SUDAN**

Monday, 20 August 2007

Mr. President, allow me to extend to you our warmest congratulations upon your election to preside over this Conference. We are fully confident that, thanks to your knowledge and experience, you will guide our deliberations towards the aspired results.

My delegation would like to assure you of our unconditional support to bring success to the objectives of this meeting. We should also like to associate ourselves in welcoming amongst us the Representative of Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations.

Since the BWC entered into force, it participated greatly in achieving international peace and security and enhancing it, particularly in combating terrorism. Sudan has always participated and joined international efforts aimed at combating and the prohibition of use of these arms. As such, it acceded to a number of relevant international conventions in this field.

Sudan acceded to the BWC in 2003 and Sudan will go ahead in completing all the necessary steps and legal measures needed in order to ratify the Convention. Sudan will also aim at drawing up a well structured programme for capacity building through taking all the necessary national measures to implement the Convention at the national level, particularly the establishment of a focus point and the drawing up of national legislation, as well as providing support to strengthen national scientific institutions and national enforcement agencies.

My delegation would like to fully endorse the statement of Cuba on behalf of NAM, particularly as Sudan has just recently acceded to the Convention. Therefore, Sudan desires to benefit from the experience of States and countries that have already made headway in the implementation of the Convention through the regional cooperation programmes. Hence, we should like to draw attention to our needs in capacity-building and in technical assistance programmes that will enable us to carry out our commitments regarding the implementation of the Convention on the national level.

Thank you, Sir.