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### **Written statement\* submitted by the Al Zubair Charitable Foundation (ZCF), a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## Democratic transformation in Sudan

Al-Zubair Charity Foundation have been following with great interest the positive democratic transformation in Sudan, starting from the signing of Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in Sudan in 2005 and went through to pass a law to help democratization and maintenance of political, cultural, social and economic rights, such as election law and the law of Public liberties and the rights of women and children and the establishment of the related commissions to do so.

The main stage of democratic transformation in Sudan is the holding of general elections in Sudan in April 2010 and, since Al-Zubair Charity Foundation is one of the national institutions that participated in the elections observation in its various stages, we would like to note that:

I. First, there has been no violation of civil liberties during the election period in the registration or voting or counting period.

II. There are no cases of abuse or insults happened during the election period.

III. Third, we have not recorded any cases of violence in the northern or eastern or central or western Sudan, except some cases in the south.

IV. Notes that the highest rates of participation in the election were in the areas of Darfur in general, and the voluntary return areas and displaced persons camps and in particular, which indicates positive impact on stabilizing the situation there and the desire of citizens to participate effectively in democratizing desired.

V. Fifth, Zubair Charity Foundation commends the active participation of women that was encouraged by the positive discrimination of women that achieved by the election law which allocate twenty-five percent of the seats in Parliament for women, not to mention what can be attained by women from other geographical constituencies.

VI. A number of people with special needs (blind and Disabled) have been nominated and won the elections which giving positive indicators for the maintenance of their rights by the election law and by the Sudanese society.

VII. The Contribution of the international community and the United Nations and international organizations alongside the Sudanese civil society organizations led to the success of the electoral process.

Finally, Al - Zubair Charity Foundation requests to pay tribute to the successful experience of the elections and hoped that to be developed and circulated to the countries of the region.

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