

**Joint Statement
by the
Government of Sudan and the UN**

The Government of Sudan reaffirms its full commitment to free and unhindered access for the provision of humanitarian assistance to all persons in need throughout the Sudan.

Based on the above mentioned commitment, modalities of operation for areas traditionally not covered by OLS (such as Southern Blue Nile and Kassala where the Government of Sudan has requested UN action) will be on the basis of established humanitarian practices including for security, cross-line movements, assessments and access to beneficiaries.

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