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**Resolution 1709 (2006)****Adopted by the Security Council at its 5532nd meeting,  
on 22 September 2006***The Security Council,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions, in particular resolution 1706 (2006) of 31 August 2006, 1679 (2006) of 16 May 2006, 1663 (2006) of 24 March 2006, 1653 of 27 January 2006, 1627 of 23 September 2005 and 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, and the statements of its President, in particular that of 3 February 2006 (S/PRST/2006/5), concerning the situation in the Sudan,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to the sovereignty, unity, independence, and territorial integrity of the Sudan and to the cause of peace,

*Noting* with deep concern the restrictions placed on movements and materiel of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the adverse impact such restrictions have on UNMIS' ability to perform its mandate effectively,

*Expressing* its grave concern over the continued deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Darfur, and *reiterating* in the strongest terms the need for all parties to the conflict in Darfur to put an end to the violence and atrocities in that region,

*Determining* that the situation in the Sudan continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of UNMIS until 8 October 2006, with the intention to renew it for further periods;
  2. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
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