

Minister of International Development

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Dear

I am happy to attach the three volumes of Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) documentation that has been produced to inform the participants at the Oslo International Donors Conference on the Sudan that will take place on the 11 and 12 April. For your convenience I am also attaching a 'Reader's Guide'.

The JAM process took some 14 months and was co-led by the World Bank and the United Nations. I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement were fully involved in the preparation of the reports and they are endorsed by them.

Hard copies will be available from the JAM Office in Nairobi and the UNDP in Khartoum and at the conference venue in Oslo.

Please note that the documentation is subject to a press embargo until 10 April.

Yours sincerely,

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