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SUBJECT: Abduction of Internally Displaced Persons in South Darfur

1. In reference to your ELF-239 and ELF-241 of 28 March 2013, we thank you for the update on the latest developments regarding the abduction on 24 March of 31 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), who were being transported under UNAMID protection from Zalingei to Nyala, to participate in a Conference sponsored by the Darfur Regional Authority. We are seriously disturbed by this turn of events and, in this connection, would appreciate receiving a more detailed report on the specific circumstances surrounding the abduction of these civilians.

2. We take note of the mission’s decision to request the ICRC to secure their safe release and refer to the mission’s judgment on this matter. We kindly ask that you keep us abreast of further developments.

3. This incident has generated serious concerns amongst Member States, in particular regarding UNAMID’s protection of civilians’ capabilities. It would be important for us to receive your assessment of the performance and readiness of UNAMID peacekeepers to protect civilians within their
charge.

Best regards.

[Drafted by DPKO/CO/AD1/UNAMID ICT]