1. We refer to the abduction of the 31 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), travelling under UNAMID force protection, from Zalingei to Nyala on 24 March 2013 and your correspondence updating us on the developing incident and subsequent coordination which secured their release (ELF-239/241 and 245 of 28 and 30 March 2013, respectively). While we take note of the challenges raised regarding the shortcomings of the UNAMID force, we remain unclear about the specifics of what transpired that day; nor do we have clarity on the Mission’s preparations, both political and operational, prior to undertaking this sensitive task.

2. We understand that a full investigation into the incident as well as an After Action Review was initiated. In this connection, we would appreciate receiving an overview of the findings, in advance of the transmission of the full reports, as well as what measures should be taken by the Mission to avoid such incidents in the future. With regards to the concerns, vis-à-vis performance and operational capacity, cited in your ELF-245, this
Headquarters will coordinate with the Mission to address these issues and devise a coordinated strategy on the way forward.

Best regards.

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