

## SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT-NORTH (SPLM-N)



**Date: 05 March 2018**

Dear Baroness Cox

### **RE: A NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

On behalf of Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) under the leadership of Cdr Abd al-Aziz Adam al-Hilu, and the peoples of Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains regions, we heartedly thank you for your historic visit to the SPLM-N-administered areas in the Blue Nile State to see with your own eyes the situation on the ground.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the questions you have recently raised in Parliament regarding the concerns of citizens in the SPLM-N-administered areas on the issue of Sudan Government's insistence on relief supplies to be channelled from the regime-controlled areas, and the fears of population in the SPLM-N areas due to their mistrust of Government that is determined to annihilate them. Equally speaking, we do appreciate your concerns of Sudan Government exploiting the declared ceasefire period for building up of forces, redeployment and going for arms-shopping spree for the potential renewal of military offensives should the ceasefire collapse. This renewed armament is corroborated by the recent buying of highly technical fighter aircrafts and missiles from Russia.

We cordially acknowledge your long-standing efforts, dedication and concerns for the welfare of Sudanese people during the long years of protracted civil wars in Sudan that began in 1983.

Thank you very much.

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