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Your Honour,

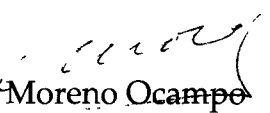
I am pleased to inform Pre-Trial Chamber I that I have determined that there is a reasonable basis to initiate an investigation into the situation in Darfur, The Sudan.

On 31 March 2005, the United Nations Security Council referred to my Office the situation, since 1 July 2002, in Darfur. I have transmitted the resolution to the Presidency in accordance with Regulation 45 of the Court regulations.

Following receipt of the referral, my Office has been conducting analysis and seeking additional information in accordance with article 53 of the Statute and Rule 104 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. This analysis and review has been carried out in order to determine whether the criteria to initiate an investigation are satisfied.

I intend to announce this decision publicly within a few days. I respectfully request that my decision to initiate an investigation be treated confidentially until the public announcement is made.

Yours respectfully,


Luis Moreno Ocampo
Prosecutor

Judge Claude Jorda
Presiding Judge, Pre Trial Chamber I

cc. Judge Philippe Kirsch
President