

Tunisia: Country Expresses Deep Regret Following ICC Arrest Warrant Against Sudanese President

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Tunis — An authorized source at the Foreign Affairs Ministry issued the following statement on Friday:

"Tunisia deeply regrets the issuing of an arrest warrant by the International Criminal Court (ICC) against the Sudanese president Omar Hassan El Bachir, and expresses its concern as to the repercussions of this decision which constitutes a dangerous precedent for the sovereignty of States and a threat for the stability and security of this country, as well as for peace conventions, including the global peace agreement and the Darfur peace agreement.

While stressing the positions adopted by the League of Arab States , the African Union and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Tunisia calls for pursuing efforts paving the way for the United Nations , the League of Arab Nations, the African Union and international mediators, to suspend the implementation of this decision, so as to progress in the settlement of the Darfur conflict, on the basis of the respect of Sudan's sovereignty and its territorial integrity."