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Dear Dr. A Rhman A Ali:

So gracious of you and representatives of other leading Sudanese pharmaceutical and medical institutions and organizations to invite my wife, Dr. Catherine Kannenberg, and me to a March 22 roundtable on how U.S. sanctions impact obtaining medications and medical devices for the Sudanese people.

Alas, beginning next week I will be away from Sudan for several days and thus unable to meet with you and your colleagues on March 22. Hopefully, a roundtable might be organized in the near future since I would like to join with you and your associates.

In the interim, please be reminded that pharmaceuticals and medical equipment are not subject to U.S. sanctions, nor do they require an export license from the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). There is a blanket exemption for medical products. Should you have any questions, please consider contacting the OFAC official in charge of medicines and medical equipment, Aydin Akgun at [aydin.akgun@treasury.gov](mailto:aydin.akgun@treasury.gov).

I am well aware that "banking over-compliance" in recent months has negatively affected your ability to purchase needed medicines and medical devices. My economic staff and I have on several occasions brought this dilemma to U.S. government officials and asked that they notify correspondent banks that there are no restrictions or penalties in conducting financial transactions connected with the purchase of U.S.-manufactured medications and medical products. I will continue to raise this matter.

Thank you again for your kind invitation. I look forward to making your acquaintance at a later date.

Sincerely,

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