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MEDIA NOTE

U.S. Special Envoy Gration to Travel to Sudan

U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration will be traveling to Sudan, Ethiopia, and Egypt. The trip will be from August 17 to August 24, 2009.

Special Envoy Gration will travel to Juba, south Sudan, to finalize agreement on a bilateral action plan between the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and the National Congress Party (NCP) to ensure the full and complete implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in advance of critical election and referenda milestones in 2010 and 2011, respectively. This plan, which will be referred to Sudan's presidency for final and binding authority, advances critical elements of the CPA.

Special Envoy Gration will also travel to Malakal in south Sudan to visit a Joint Integrated Unit regional headquarters to assess the capacity of these units to carry out key security functions; he will continue bilateral discussions with the SPLM in Juba and with the NCP in Khartoum. He will then travel to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to resume talks with the leadership of key Darfuri armed movements on unification efforts in support of the Doha peace process. While in Ethiopia, Special Envoy Gration will also meet with Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. Finally, Special Envoy Gration will travel to Cairo, Egypt, for meetings with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Aboul Gheit, Sudanese Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin, Libyan Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation Musa Kusa, and Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa.

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