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MEDIA ADVISORY

FEBRUARY 11: ACTIVISTS IN [CITY] UNITE TO HELP END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN DARFUR

*[Name of group, org, community, etc.] to join others in nationwide
advocacy night featuring women celebrities, experts*

[CITY] – [Activists in CITY] / [Members of ORGANIZATION NAME] will gather on the evening of February 11 to press for an end to violence against Darfuri women. The [GROUP, ORG, ETC.] is slated to view the nationwide premier of a Save Darfur Coalition-produced short film titled *Violence Against Women and the Darfur Genocide*. Following the showing, participants will take part in a live-streamed panel discussion featuring celebrity and expert voices on gender-based violence.

The Sudanese government and its allied *janjaweed* militias continue to conduct a targeted campaign of sexual violence against women and girls in Darfur. International Criminal Court chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo said in his request for an arrest warrant for Sudanese President al-Bashir that “rape is an integral part of the pattern of destruction” in Darfur.

One Night, One Voice seeks to engage activists in advocating for specific steps that will help halt this endemic violence. These steps include securing U.S. funding for gender and sensitivity training for Darfur’s civilian protection force, and fully implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 1820 – which works to protect civilians from the use of sexual violence in armed conflict and post-conflict situations.

More information on One Night, One Voice can be found at www.savedarfur.org/women.

WHAT: One Night, One Voice: An advocacy night to end violence against women in Darfur

WHO: [NAME OF GROUP, ORGANIZATION, COMMUNITY, ETC.]
Maria Bello, panelist, actor and Darfur advocate
Niemat Ahmadi, panelist, Save Darfur Coalition Darfuri liaison officer
Dr. Kelly Askin, panelist, senior legal officer, Open Society Justice Initiative
John Heffernan, panelist, director, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Genocide Prevention Initiative
Rev. Dr. Gloria White-Hammond, panel moderator, Save Darfur Coalition board chairwoman, My Sister’s Keeper co-founder

WHEN: Wednesday, February 11, [LOCAL TIME]

WHERE: [LOCATION NAME, ADDRESS]

Video and panel discussion will stream here: [WEB ADDRESS]

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[IF AVAILABLE, ORGANIZATION'S BOILERPLATE STATEMENT (SEE FORMAT BELOW)]

About the coalition: The Save Darfur Coalition – an alliance of more than 180 faith-based, advocacy and human rights organizations – raises public awareness about the ongoing genocide in Darfur and mobilizes a unified response to the atrocities that threaten the lives of people throughout the Darfur region. The coalition's member organizations represent 130 million people of all ages, races, religions and political affiliations united together to help the people of Darfur. For more information on the coalition, please visit www.SaveDarfur.org. To obtain footage from the Darfur border region, coalition events, various interviews, and more, please visit the Save Darfur Coalition media gallery at <http://media.savedarfur.org>. All footage may be previewed in non-broadcast quality and may be purchased in broadcast quality by filling out the purchase request form provided on the site.