

In the Name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Compassionate
Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Child Affairs

Statement
And plan of action and features
Before The National Assembly

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All Good Virtues are accomplished, and May Prayer and Peace Be Upon the Prophet Mohammed Ibn Abdullah.

Honourable Brother / Mr. President of the National Assembly

Honourable Sisters and Brothers / Assembly Members

Al Salamu Aliyukum wa Rahmatu Allah Wa Barakatu

It gives me great pleasure to present before you the Performance Report of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Child Affairs for the year 2006, together with a synopsis of the Ministry's Plan for the year 2007 and its implementation as related to seven thematic areas:

1. Policies and Legislations.
2. Social Development
3. Protection and Social Security.
4. Social Welfare.
5. External Interactions and International partnership for development.
6. Studies, Research and Information.
7. Capacity Building and Community Rehabilitation.

Social Welfare as you all know is a cross cutting work focusing on the human being and is not merely confined to provision of social services or response to the social problems it also includes promoting community development or enhancing peoples' quality and conditions of life.

In the context of that and based on the Ministry's Mission Statement and Mandate by virtue of the Republican Decree "34" for the Year 2005 and the State's approved policies, the immediate Goals for the year 2006 are as follows:

1. Gathering the nation's will and mobilizing the community for the implementation of the social goals through the formulation of social policies and identifying social incentives and disseminating and exchanging data and information.
2. Instill virtues and values and eradicate harmful traditions and practices, combating contemporary diseases and assisting those persons of special needs and integrating them in the community and combating crime and delinquency and rectifying the social fabric.
3. Mobilizing human and financial resources and strengthening social capacities to attain welfare, protection and social development to the family, women and children and in also in the alleviation of poverty.
4. Promoting the Zakat (Almsgiving) Institution in order to enable it to attain the goal of mercy, and social cooperation through widening the umbrella of the social and health security and increasing the population's coverage and improving the minimum living standards.
5. Maintaining external interaction in the context of benefiting and providing and contribute towards setting international and regional standards relevant to the social development and respecting cultures of the people and its right for development.

It is worth mentioning that your honorable Assembly Decree No. 28 issued on June 2006 which ratified the Ministry's Performance for the year 2005 and its inclusive recommendations has become one of the most important terms of references for promoting and formulating our policies and plans. We have thus formulated our social plans in such a way we consider the best to our knowledge and we are thus closely implementing them.

Mr. President . . .

Honourable Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly,

Our efforts through years have thus crystallized in the formulation and ratification of the National Policy for Women Empowerment, as mentioned in the Speech of the President during the opening session of the Assembly. As you know the national policy has included six thematic areas for women advancement and promotion of status and capabilities. The first and second themes focused on women's capacity building (Health and Education). The other themes focused on strengthening women capacities (economical empowerment – human rights – political participation and decision making). In addition to the theme of strengthening women participation in peace building and conflict resolution. It is heartening to say that such policy has received tremendous support and response from the higher echelon of the state where a number of decisions and decrees were issued in the field of women empowerment particularly as relates to promoting women in the leadership positions in the state. We are confident that through your relentless efforts in the Assembly the new Election Act shall be promulgated giving women their fair share in the legislative organ.

On the other hand, we endeavored to formulate detailed policies for the activities and projects to include them in the State's Plans for the years (2007-2011). It is heartening to inform you that our sisters in the South have already held a conference during this current month of May where one of the issues deliberated was the document of the National Policy for Women Empowerment. This is in my view an indication that the policy received a very wide recognition by the Sudanese women movements in all parts of the country and at all levels.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly,

The social development as a matter of fact, is a process for developing people with people and for the sake of people. Based on such presumptions we focused on the implementation of the National Population policy that was ratified by the Council of Ministers according to its Decree No. "48" for the year 2002 where a matrix for the National y Population Programs was developed and focused on the follow up the poverty program, the national priorities and Millennium Development Goals.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly,

In the field of childhood, we have formulated the Fifth Plan for Child Welfare (2007-2011) and prepared the Child Act Bill for the year 2006. The Committees of the Council of Ministers have started making deliberations in this regard. We definitely do need the support of this honorable Assembly, we are confident in getting that from you to ensure the protection of our children.

Our efforts are continuous and relentless in monitoring the response mechanism for the alleviation of poverty. The Report submitted to the Council of Ministers for this year has surpassed monitoring of the response mechanisms to formulating a well established response mechanism that addresses the main causes of poverty hoping to completely eradicate it in the future. Such efforts also come in the context of what the two partners in the CPA have agreed upon, and the new international development of the initiatives of heaving indebted countries in addition to the promotion of the second generation programs in response to this phenomenon.

The Council of Ministers and its Sectoral Committees Decrees are issued in a way that are widely encouraging and supportive. The next period shall witness the formation of a new National Entity that shall respond to this phenomenon. We will continue our interactions with our brothers in the Ministry of International Cooperation towards strengthening the international aid and more focusing on the national priorities in response to poverty. And also with our brothers in the Ministry of Finance to complete the National Strategy for Combating Poverty in accordance with the Directives of the Council of Ministers.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly,

Our efforts in the formulation of policies for this year in fulfillment of our previous efforts. This year 2007 we will focus more on formulating a Integrated Social Policy .. especially that now we are getting the technical support of the Economical and Social Committee of West Asia in the context of its Project titled "The Integrated Social Policy for Arab Countries).

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Member of the Assembly,

As regards the field of social development, we are continuing our efforts in mobilizing resources totaling (87.5) from the Zakat Chamber and the Social Funds. All these have been utilized in the field of development, protection and social welfare.

The Funding of the Social Development reached (24.8) milliard Dinar. Zakat's contribution is (8.7) milliard Dinar. All these amounts were utilized for the implementation of health projects, drinking water, education, ownership of productivity means, in addition to development projects implemented in the context of the Project "Observing the Duty of

Zakat" at Sinnar and El Gezira States during the year 2006 and Blue Nile State at the first quarter of 2007.

As regards the funds of Savings and Social Development Bank which reached (13.9) milliard Dinar. (140) families benefited from such funds. It covered women sectors, graduates, the poor, handicrafts and farmers. It included also the Agricultural Sectors, State Development, Eradication of Poverty and Solar Power Projects in the rural areas.

As regards development expenditure from the Pension Funds of (7.6.1) pension beneficiaries at a cost of (1.9) milliard Dinar.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly,

The total expenditure on services reached (36.5) milliard Dinar covering old age pension, dismissal, death and disability. (320) thousand utilized by pension beneficiaries apart of (36) thousand who received the advanced payment compensation.

Those who utilized the health insurance based on (beneficiaries) comers (1.8) million at a cost of (22) Dinar to each beneficiary.

On the other hand we continued reaching out the social banking systems where Bank of Sudan and the International Bank have secured micro financing instruments. We will continue our efforts in identifying standards and setting criteria in order to enlarge the umbrella of the trust banking system through the inclusion of the poor and the popular sectors of the society for better utilization from such services.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Member of the Assembly,

In the field of women we rehabilitated (8) centers for the General Sudanese Women Union (GSWU) with funding from the Zakat Chamber. The number of centers rehabilitated in this project reached (35) centers. Also in this field, we reviewed legislations and laws related to women to

be compliant with the Interim National Constitution and the outcome was submitted to the supreme Leadership . . . We have also reviewed and revised the Arab Encyclopedia for Women Legislations.

We are also cognizant of the President's directives related to restricting the arrest and trial of the pregnant and breast-feeding mother which are not implied in Interim National Constitution. Its Bill of Rights have also encompassed the Child and the handicapped persons. We will submit to your honorable Assembly the suitable Bills for addressing and filling these gaps and draw upon the language and objectives of the Interim National Constitution as related to Women and Child.

A number of workshops have been held about the aspect of the so-called *Sibaq-al-Hajin* (Camel Racing), the homeless, female genital mutilation and child labor issues. The proposals of such workshops were issued and the follow-up committees were formed. Such findings shall be utilized in the formulation of policies and strategies with Allah's Grace for the Fifth year Plan (2007-2011) for Child Welfare.

We have also submitted Report incumbent upon as in fulfillment and satisfaction of Sudan's commitment towards the International Organizations as regards "World Fit for Children" and Additional Protocols regarding child protection in armed conflicts and protecting them from pornography. We are very confident in your Assembly in providing all requisite support for ratifying these protocols considering the protection it endows on our children.

In the context of the regional project for rehabilitating and integrating *Hajin* children, Sudan became a party to such program. UNICEF is the implementing agency funded by United Arab Emirates and Qatar with a value of two million dollars.

We are also addressing the aspect of street children with technical and financial assistance from the Arab Council for Childhood and

Development. The Project has initiated in the states more affected by such as aspect (Khartoum – Kassala – Red Sea – Southern Kordofan – Southern Darfur - White Nile).

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Member of the Assembly,

Please allow me to stress on some outcomes of our efforts in the mobilization and utilization of resources. The capital of the Savings Bank and Social Development reached (5.8) milliard Dinar. The Deposits (22) milliard Dinar including (2.1) milliard Dinar Endowment Deposits. The best achievements in my view are the introduction of Endowment Deposits and the designing of new non conventional tools for collatorals such as the Popular Committees Guarantees (*Allijan Alsha'biyah*).

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Member of the Assembly,

As relates to the field of increasing employment opportunities and income for graduates and opening the job market, the outcome of our efforts with the states resulted in the implementation of projects which absorbed (8460) graduates males and females) at a funding cost reaching (2.5) milliard Dinar apart from absorbing (37.9) graduates in 14 states in the project of eradication of illiteracy.

In order to increase the graduates' chances and opportunities for employment, (911) graduates were provided with training in the Executive Secretary field, Organizations' Management, Marketing, Psychological Rehabilitation. (70%) of those found jobs in the private sector.

In the field of partnership with states, an Agreement was signed with White Nile State for the establishment of the Productive Graduate City in the region of (Abu Ammar – previously Abu Ramad). This project is expected to include (5) thousand family. We are still soliciting Funds for

this project. This Project has also attempted to establish a Referral Training Center in collaboration with the Red Sea Government to be active in the field of Port Services, Tourism and Hotels to absorb (3) thousand graduates both males and females.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Member of the Assembly,

We have presented the above fields of activities in its entirety manner, so please allow me to present the most important activities that we have accomplished as mandated to us as a Ministry:

Levying of taxes increased from (27.1) milliard Dinar to (13.4) Milliard Dinar at an increased rate of (15%) between (2005-2006) which means that we will reach our goals as regards Zakat as well at the stated time with Allah's Grace.

The Project of Observing the Duty of Zakat a very advanced approach for community development. It increased the value of Zakat's commitment by (4.3) milliard Dinar in 2006 in Sinnar and El Gizera States as related to projects in the field of agriculture, animal, water, productivity, education and health. An amount equal to 719.4 million Dinar was spent at the first quarter of the year 2007 for implementing development project at the Blue Nile State as part of an annual allocated fund (2) milliard Dinar.

Our efforts in the securing vertical expenditure (for development) is considered quite an effort and an innovation in itself in response to community development. In this context expenditures focused on the following various sectors:

- Agricultural and animal sectors: 1.11 milliard Dinar for additional productivity powers. The beneficiaries of these were (20) thousand families.

- (1.5) milliard Dinar were spent on water projects (131) thousand families were the beneficiaries.
- (89.5) million Dinar were spend on individual productivity projects for a number of 66 projects (1127) families were the beneficiaries.
- Educational Projects benefiting (36,680) families at a cost of (200) million Dinar.
- Health Projects valued (386,6) million Dinar for (3000) families.
- During the first quarter of 2007 a number of (57,360) families owned productivity means at a cost of 1.5 milliard Dinar.
- As an aid and assistance to poor patients an amount equal to 181.8 million Dinar was spent on (6414) patient through the Unified Treatment Office.
- As to the spending on the horizontal field, the Zakat Chamber has submitted monthly amounts in the shape of permanent guarantees reaching an amount of 2.5 milliard Dinar in 2006 as follows:
 - University Student: 1.2 milliard Dinar benefiting (35,667) students males and females.
 - Health Insurance: 353.7 million Dinar for a number of (119.969) families.
 - Livelihood Incomes for Orphans 918 million Dinar benefiting (63,737).
- Spending continued at the same rate in the first quarter of 2007. Among the leading projects is the National Project for Orphans. Spending will continue till the second quarter of the year at a cost of (3.7) milliard Dinar for implementing (3254) projects in the states benefiting (187,000) families.

Mr. President,

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As regards transparency and facilitating procedures of the Social Funds and gaining the satisfaction of the beneficiaries, we carried out the following:

- Closing the Accounts of the Funds for 2005 and for the first quarter of the year 2007 as well as 2006 and shall consequently be submitted to the Auditor General in the few coming days.
- Completion of the Financial and Institutional regulations as regards the performance of the Funds and closing all accounts till the year 2006.
- The administrative costs of all funds have been controlled as regards all Funds. The performance has been spectacular especially as regards Pension Fund and at a rate of (4.8) much closer to the international average rate for administrative costs.
- Closing the gap between the wage and the pension so as the pension may substitute the lost wages. As such the minimum public pension was enhanced for the year 2006 which is (12.5) thousand Dinar.
- Increasing the monthly pension through adopting the wage including deductions such as the person in pension at the Third Level whose service is (41.8) months who has gotten his pension in 2004 receives a monthly pension at the rate of (12,724) Dinar. But that who go on pension in 2007 of the same level and years of employment shall received monthly pension equal to (58,005) Dinar.
- We exerted relentless efforts to stabilize the monthly pension payments and enhancing the services of Payments' centers and increasing its accessibility in accordance with the President of the Republic's Decree No. (131) for the year 2006 providing for the

enhancement of the pensions according to the prescribed increase of 25% as of April 2006.

- The Fund has gone further into its efforts to establish a Data-Base of all employees in the Federal, State Governments and public Institutions. Such matter has in its part assisted tremendously in facilitating and simplifying the dispatch of requisite directives related to settlement of pension entitlements within a period not exceeding four weeks.
- A number of (18651) pension beneficiaries and their children have benefited from the Diverse Social Support Programs provided by the Pension Funds for its beneficiaries. Such program was implemented upon deductions from the investments' revenues. Its costs reached (489.74) million Dinar for the year 2006 including medical and school fees, grants for female university students, the orphans and the outstanding students. Implementation rate has been 115% based on the targeted groups.
- The support presented by the National Pension Fund during the first quarter of 2007 reached (121,23) million Dinar at a rate of (78%) of the costs including the support (medical, school fees, grants for female students, livelihood expenses for an orphan and other diversified support). The total number of pension beneficiaries are (6876) at a rate of 163% of the targeted number during this period.
- The Fund implemented micro credit projects, and subsidized for pension beneficiaries during the year 2006 for a number of (4501) beneficiary at a cost of (1.28) milliard Dinar at a rate of 1.1% of the targeted number for that period. In addition to (2878) pension beneficiaries of the micro credit at a rate of 133% of the targeted number during the period at a cost of (762.6) million Dinar.

Mr. President,

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- As relates to coverage. inclusion, and widening the umbrella of the Social Insurance, (2113) new business owners are registered, the combined number for business owners is now (6595).
- A number of (61647) new insured are now registered, thus the total number of insured persons till the first quarter of this year is (250,404).
- Disbursement windows are widened in scope numbering (570) served through banks. Mobile payment windows are also available in communities where pension beneficiaries are centered as well as individual attention of delivering the pension to those confined to their residences.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Member of the Assembly,

The efforts are still on going for community integration of persons of disabilities in all aspects of life; in the context of securing human parts and ancillary equipments where a number equal to (7578) industrial parts including parts, wheel chairs and orthopedic sticks etc., during the year 2006 and the first quarter of 2007.

In the context of developing and promoting the industry pertaining to orthopedics in Sudan in accordance with the Higher Directives a Diploma related to Orthopedic parts was adopted among the Medical Profession Diplomas. The month of July shall witness the graduation of the first batch of Diploma students.

In addition to supplying the existing state centers with raw materials related to orthopedic parts for the year 2007 from the international aid, a mobile unit was established to serve the different states that do not have such service.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly

In the context of international interaction and partnership for development:

Among the leading participations in the Arab region, we participated in the meetings of the (26) Session of the Council of Ministers of Arab Social Welfare and the follow-up of the implementation of its decisions which included a decision calling for celebrating the Arab Orphan Day.

In the context of rectifying the Arab Joint Labor Institutions, we attended the First Meeting of the Social Sub-Committee of the Arab Economical and Social Council.

In addition to that we attended the meetings of the Supreme Council for the Arab Women Organization.

As to the African region, we participated in the First Meeting of the African Ministers of Social Welfare in charge of Gender.

We also participated in the Sixth Meeting of the Labor Commission and Social Welfare of the African Union. The leading meeting was that related to the Second Generation African Meeting in response to poverty in Africa, whereby its outcome has been consolidated into a unified African position related to development and responses in regards to alleviation of poverty and economical integration.

We also attended the Fourth Meeting of the Ministers of Social Affairs for IGAD pertaining to Gender as well as the workshops related to business incubators and violence against women.

In the Muslim world, our leading participation is attending the "First Women Meeting in the Islamic World".

We as well participated in the First Joint Meeting between the Arab and Latin America Social Affairs Ministers (South-South Meetings).

At the international level Sudan gained the ECOSOC membership and continued to strengthen the role of Sudan in the Council and its Technical and Regional Committees. The International Convention regarding the Rights of Disabled Persons was signed awaiting to be ratified by your honorable Assembly.

In this context, we participated in the (51) Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) and the 47 session of the consultative commission of United Nation Fund for Women and it is worth mentioning that Sudan gained in being appointed for a three year term the membership of the consultative commission UNIFEM as representative of the whole Africa. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to clarify and remove many misconceptions regarding Sudanese women and violence against women in the Darfur conflict.

We as well attended the activities organized by the Economic and Social Committee for West Asia and the Expert Meetings. Foremost among all, is the meeting of the Social Committee. A proposal was submitted to take part in the Comprehensive Social Policies of Arab countries.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly

As regards the field of studies, research and information:

In full realization of the importance of community information and the essence of the Fifth Population Census as a comprehensive data base – depicting the social and demographic characteristics of the population, we continued our efforts through participations in the technical and sensitization committees collaborating with the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS). Our intention is to ensure that all social and population sectors get counted in the census (women, children, disabled, homeless and displaced) and all other sectors that are hard to reach.

Now the information data base is completed for pension holders and government employees at a rate of (41%). The next year shall witness the completion of the childhood and women data base. Networking among all the units and Ministry's found population are now established. A number of booklets and brochures related to population and women, community activities, childhood, peace and health insurance, conducting research and studies were all issued as follows:

- Actuary studies in the field of social security were utilized in the issuance of laws.
- Conducting studies about Payment Windows and introducing pension beneficiaries to utilize from its services.
- Holding a seminar about insurance against unemployment. It highlighted the potentials and precautions.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly,

In the field of capacity building and community rehabilitation:

Trainees numbering (1292) got training in such fields like (Population and Childhood, Women Empowerment, Gender Integration, Specialized raining in Health Insurance, Zakat, Social Security Funds, Orthopedic parts, Management of Community Institutions and Graduates' Training).

In addition to these, various opportunities were provided for the Ministry's employees for training abroad.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly

Continuous attention was given towards the culture of community development through direct and indirect broadcasting and dissemination of information through the media and newspapers for raising awareness of the community with social issues including eradication of armful traditions and strengthening abstinence values and virtues and advocating

ethics and morals of the community and establish collaboration and cooperation spirits among the community. (600) activities related to raising awareness about insurance and the importance of observing Zakat and the culture pertaining to the private sector were implemented. The *Al-Ejtimai'* "The Sociable" a specialized social Magazine was issued during that year. Four workshops about journalists' work were held aiming towards promoting journalists' performance in handling social issues in the written media.

We continued our efforts in undertaking the work of the Pension Fund in such a way that is reflected in enhanced performance through training the employees in various fields including the financial, administrative, technical and inspections. And through interacting with the private business-owners or proprietors we trained representatives of such businesses as part of the efforts for raising awareness about insurance. Several courses related to personal and Establishment's insurance and civil defense were provided. The beneficiaries of those courses were (800) about (759) were trained internally and about (41) trained abroad. We maintained interaction with organizations and counterpart institutions of relevance to the insurance activities such as the International Labor Organization, the International Organization for Social Security, the Arab Labor Organization and the Arab Union for Small Establishments.

Mr. President,

Brothers and Sisters / Members of the Assembly

The former part our speech was a summary of our accomplishments in the past year. Please allow me now to present to your Honorable Assembly a preview of our Plans for the year 2007 being the base year for the Fifth Plan (2007-2011). As you are certainly aware, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the Interim National Constitution have laid down the foundation for a new era with identified and

ascertained commitments aiming towards strengthening peace and achieving social equality.

Out of this stance, the Plan is formulated in a way that is responsive to the Higher Directives focusing on such areas like eradication of poverty and unemployment, and in accomplishing social integration. The Plan included seven thematic areas as follows:

The Policies Theme focused on the formulation of comprehensive social policies.

The Studies, Research and Information Theme focused on conducting studies and research that are supportive of the social policies and making follow-up of the effects that are consequent to the implementation of the Strategic projects and the social projects resulting from the economical integration and globalization, identifying new social indicators for monitoring and evaluation.

The Social Development and Eradicating Poverty Theme aimed to increase funding for social developing including strengthening the social banking machinery and identifying innovative means and collateral tools in order to enable the impoverished sectors to utilize the banking facilities, thus widening the income and work opportunities for the whole society. Such facilities are definitely positive measures to assist in the alleviation of poverty through giving opportunities for unemployed graduates. This on the other hand assist tremendously in promoting and empowering women and strengthening the role of the family and giving further attention to children's issues of concern.

The Protection, Welfare and Social Security Theme focused on widening the scope of the social security and increasing the revenues of the social funds in an endeavor to narrow the gap between the wages and pension rate in execution of the Advancing Vision Project followed by social security funds. Endeavoring as well to attain the Zakat outreaching goal

for drawing more observers of Zakat, and in increasing the spending on impoverished and indigent people. Endeavoring as well to develop the orthopedic industry and the natural treatment services for the targeted people.

As regards the Development of the Institutional Structure and Capacity Building Theme, it focused on rehabilitating the community to be contemporaneous and capable for adjustment . . . It focused as well on external interaction endeavoring to create an international and regional environment conducive for social development through widening the scope of dialogue with others, coordinating and lobbying at international forums, and the better utilization of the international aid to accomplish the national priorities of responding to poverty.

The Social Media Theme endeavors to strengthen the social development culture as relates to raising awareness and making *Da'wa* (call to Allah).

The Plan included five national projects and approximately three hundred activities.

The following are the Goals of the 2007 Plan:

1. Developing and formulating the Social Policies that are suitable for the social development issues and mobilizing adequate resources to implement them.
2. Full utilization of the graduates and directing their capacities towards development through absorbing them in the national projects.
3. The advancement of women and empowering them economically, socially and politically and integrating their issues in the comprehensive development.
4. Endeavoring to attain the Zakat requisite Fund.
5. Widening the umbrella of the social development network endeavoring to attain the comprehensive social security.

6. Conducting Studies and research that are supportive of the social policies and preparing the national, regional and international reports in the field of development, women, population and children.
7. Promoting the Social Data Base and in completing and developing the Directory and enhancing its use for developing policies and programs.
8. Contribute in developing an international criteria that is relevant for attaining social development through international partnership.
9. Intensifying and enhancing Social Training and Rehabilitations.
10. Disseminating knowledge through the social, economical and cultural visions and the culture of peace.

Finally – Mr. President – Sisters and Brothers / Members of the Assembly I have hereby presented before you our achievements for the past year and our vision for the next year, Your directives and support shall receive our highest appreciation and respect.

Wal Salamu Aliyikum wa Rahmatu Allah wa Barakatu