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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you very much for your letter about the future funding of the International Development Association.

We regard the International Development Association as an effective agency for promoting economic and social development in countries such as the Democratic Republic of the Sudan. We fully support the high priority which the Association accords to the countries of sub-Saharan Africa when allocating its resources.

The World Bank President's target of \$16 billion for the seventh replenishment of the Association was widely believed to be unattainable. Nevertheless, we had hoped that a replenishment of \$12 billion could be obtained and we worked hard to achieve this. As you know, it did not prove possible to go above \$9 billion. A replenishment of this order is insufficient to meet the needs of the poorest countries. We have told IDA Management of our willingness to participate in supplementary financing on the basis of the usual burden-sharing among donors. We are now awaiting the outcome of IDA Management's discussions with other donors. We are working towards a commencement date of 1 July 1984.

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I am grateful for your kind words about our contribution to the IDA. I assure you we shall continue to do as much as we can within our means to help.

I send you my personal good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Nayana Thelita

His Excellency Sayed Gaafar Mohamed el Nimeiri