

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**The DRC Coalition for the International Criminal Court welcomes the arrest warrant for Sudanese President AL Bashir**

**(Kinshasa, 4 March 2009)** Today is an important day for all the victims, not only from Sudan but also from all Africa. This is a great lesson for our African political leaders who believe that justice is within reach. With this mandate, the ICC demonstrates its independence from African and Arab political powers who have always condoned impunity for crimes committed in Darfur by giving priority to politics in the Darfur case. Now a head of state is a fugitive...that's a landmark! Who's next?

**Kinshasa, 4 March 2009.**

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