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To Whom It May Concern at Amnesty International,

Dear All,

We, Wail Shams Al-Din Trading Company, write to you to respond to your inquiries regarding the sales of arms and equipment to Sudan before and after the conflict that began on April 15, 2023.

First, we would like to affirm that Wail Shams Al-Din Trading Company complies with all national and international laws and regulations concerning the sales of arms and equipment. We believe in the importance of respecting human rights and always strive to ensure that all our operations align with these principles.

We would also like to clarify the following points based on the findings you presented:

1-Wail Shams trading is a private company owned by Sudanese citizen working in firearms trade by the firearms and ammunition law 1986. This law allowing Sudanese people to own civilian firearms for self-defense and hunting

2-Kalashnikov Group is a Russian company JSC manufacturing firearms the is allowed to export civilian firearms only according to their law.

3-the address you mentioned in your letter is not correct from 2016 and I think you want to link between the company and SAF

The SAF is not buying firearms from local suppliers or your source wants that

4-Regarding pictures with Mikhail Kalashnikov I did not know that I need someone approval for that I have pictures with American actor both are celebrities

5-Addis Ababa event is for same reason and may be from same source they said its military firearms and released after they confirmed it is civilian in my opinion some political parties try to link it with SAF

6-After the break, out of conflict in April 15 after one week the RSF Robbed my store and ware house as 80 stores in the same business across the country as the robbing every bank store and houses in Khartoum area. I have reported this to Sudanese authorities if anything happens with this firearm is RSF responsibility.

7-if your serial numbers that will be useful regarding human rights We import firearms according to government regulations and law civilian standards as many countries no military full auto and we are not supplying MOD. Also regarding Kalashnikov group is not allowed to export military standard firearms.

If you make 2 minutes reach you will know that defense exports are done only by Rosapronexport

Russian defense export cooperation

Finally, I will attach pictures for RSF troop using US and British made advanced weapon systems
Tow-Galvin-Nwel. Surely no one asked about them but Russian are not the bad guys a lone.
Sudan does not import any western weapons from almost 40 Years.



Best regards,

Wail Shams Al-Din
General Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several stylized, overlapping strokes.