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SUBJECT: NUP to Invite Arab Leaders to Ceremonial Opening of Parliament

The National Unionist Party Executive has decided to invite leaders of the Arab countries to the ceremonial opening of the first Sudanese parliament. These invitations are to be extended "informally" because the new Sudanese Government does not have the right of external affairs which for the time being is reserved to the Governor General. A further complication is that a firm date has not yet been established for this ceremonial opening. It is hoped that the date can be fixed for some time before the end of December or early January.

These NUP invitations have not been discussed with the Sudan Government as yet; the NUP leaders are reluctant to discuss their plans and will not indicate specifically who has been invited. Their hope is to have a leading representative from each of the Arab countries. It is clear from the discussions now going on among NUP leaders that they intend that the Sudan shall take its place in the Arab grouping of countries and will eventually join the Arab League.

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