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**BENOKIN FOODS & BEVERAGES LTD TO DONATE 100
CARTONS OF FOOD PACKS TO AMIS**

A Lagos based Nigerian private company BENOKIN FOODS and BEVERAGES Ltd has decided to donate 100 cartons of food packs to the African Mission in the Sudan (AMIS).

The Chairman/Managing Director of the company, Mr. Ugera Abalu disclosed this at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa on Thursday, at a meeting between the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Prof. Alpha Oumar Konaré and a Nigerian Business Sector delegation led by the country's Minister of Commerce, Amb. A.D. Idris Waziri.

The food packs are composed of high quality breakfast composite ration, concentrated biscuits, soya bean flour, soya milk drink, noddles, garri and other items made in Nigeria, and will be made available for distribution to the troops in Darfur through the AU Commission.

The Hon. Minister, Amb. Waziri told the African Union Commission to seize the opportunity to strengthen partnership between the Private Business Sector and the African Union, adding that such a move positively enhance intra-African trade and investment.

"Africa Union", Waziri said "must demonstrate leadership through building internal capacities for maintenance of peace and security on the Continent."

Prof. Konare expressed appreciation to the Nigerian company for the initiative and underscored the important role the Business Sector could play in facilitating the work of the African Union.

Shortage of shelter and food have been identified as part of the problems faced by the African Mission in Sudan (AMIS).

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