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EU-Africa Summit: Amnesty International denies reports of call for Sudanese exclusion

Amnesty International today denied reports that it had issued a call for Sudanese President Omar al- Bashir to be excluded from attending the upcoming EU-Africa Summit, scheduled to take place in Lisbon in December this year.

The reports were carried by the Portuguese news agency LUSA and Agence France Presse (AFP) on 19 October.

Amnesty International said that it welcomes dialogue and urged leaders from both Africa and the EU to ensure that human rights are a key part of the talks planned for December.

"Regardless of who attends the EU-Africa Summit, we would like to see a positive human rights outcome of the meeting and believe that human rights in both Africa and the EU countries should be at the heart of any EU-African dialogue," said Erwin van der Borght, Director of Amnesty International's Africa Programme.

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