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**Security Council Briefing on the situation in Sudan.**

**(UNITAMS)**

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(Kenya, Niger, Tunisia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)**

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**Mr. President,**

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the A3+1, namely, Kenya, Niger, Tunisia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

We are grateful to the Secretary-General for his report highlighting the activities of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) (S/2021/1008) and the recent developments in the country.

We also thank Special Representative and head of UNITAMS, Mr. Volker Perthes, for his comprehensive briefing and welcome the participation of the representative of Sudan in today's meeting.

**Mr. President,**

Our briefing today takes place a few days before the third anniversary of the December 2019 revolution in Sudan which put an end to decades of dictatorship and initiated a democratic transition to lead to the holding of free elections in 2023. It takes place against the backdrop of the recent developments which saw the transition interrupted on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 but resumed on the 21<sup>th</sup> November 2021, following a political agreement between General Abdelfattah al Burhan and the Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok.

The A3+1 welcome this political agreement and the commitments therein which represent an important step towards resolving the constitutional and political crisis in Sudan, and returning to constitutional order as set out in the Constitutional Document and the Juba Peace Agreement.

We remain convinced that succeeding the political transition and responding to the Sudanese aspiration to democracy, freedom and justice remain the only viable way to preserve and consolidate the unity of Sudan and to ensure a peaceful and prosperous future for its population.

In this regard, we encourage all the transition partners to continue engaging in dialogue and making timely efforts to effectively addressing unresolved issues and to implement fully and swiftly the political agreement in a climate of peace and national reconciliation.

The A3+1 reiterate their full support to the United Nations (UNITAMS), the African Union, the League of Arab States, IGAD for their good offices and mediation efforts to facilitate dialogue and support the democratic transition in Sudan.

**M. President,**

We welcome the release of political detainees and the commitment to investigate deaths and injuries among protestors during the incidents since 25<sup>th</sup> October. We emphasize the importance of ensuring transparency, accountability and justice and call to the full respect of human rights including rights to life, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. We also express our deep condolences to the families of the victims and wish full recovery to those who were injured.

While welcoming these steps, we recognize that many challenges lie ahead. We strongly believe that these political, security, economic and humanitarian challenges highlight the need to see all Sudanese stakeholders show wisdom and prioritize national interest in order to consolidate the gains made since 2018 and avoid the derailing of the peace process.

The A3+1 encourage all parties to accelerate the implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement to consolidate the trust and the confidence among the non-signatory armed groups and to avoid the risk setting the country back to a path of violence.

We encourage, in this regard, the resumption of talks with the SPLM-North Abdelaziz al-Hilu faction and urge both parties to build on initial progress and advance a constructive framework for addressing their remaining differences. We commend UNITAMS for its contribution to facilitate these talks as part of its efforts to support the peace process and implementation of the JPA. We also urge those who have not yet joined the peace process to do so to give a chance to a sustainable and inclusive peace in Sudan.

The A3+1 remain concerned by the sporadic inter-communal violence. These incidents attest to the need for continued efforts to address the root causes of the conflicts.

The establishment of the Joint High Military Committee for Security Arrangements and the Permanent Ceasefire Committee in Darfur constitute

significant steps towards the implementation of security arrangements stipulated in the Juba Peace Agreement. In this regard, we call on Sudan's partners to provide the Committee with adequate, timely and sustainable logistical and financial support to fulfil its critical task.

The A3+1 welcome the Sudanese Government efforts to provide protection to civilians, through the implementation of the National Plan for the Protection of Civilians as well as the promotion of dialogue and reconciliation among the different ethnic communities. We encourage all parties, as well, to ensure gender equality in decision making structures and the rightful participation of women in mediation efforts to resolve the current political crisis. We commend in this regard the support provided by UNITAMS to the Sudanese authorities to strengthen women's participation and inclusion in the peace process.

### **M. President,**

On the economic front, Sudan is facing huge challenges to mitigate the impact of economic reforms and the burden of external debt. The A3+1 call on the international community to renew its commitment in solidarity with Sudan and not shy away from the commitments made during the Paris Conference in May this year. Economic recovery remains a key component of the transition process that would propel realization of peace in the country, as it prepares in a democratic consensus, for regular and free elections, which are the only path to put a definitive end to the institutional turmoil in the country and ensure its sustainable development.

The already dire humanitarian situation in Sudan has been further aggravated by the economic crisis, food insecurity, the rise of cases of COVID-19 (only 3% of 47 million are fully vaccinated), the adverse effects of climate change, intercommunal violence, and prolonged displacement of populations, as well as the recent refugee crisis in eastern areas and heavy rains.

Despite the complicated regional context and the latest developments in the country, Sudan continues to host hundreds of thousands of refugees and sharing resources with them. This difficult situation, which affects more than 10 million people, calls on us to show responsibility and solidarity with Sudan, with a view to

mitigating the impact of the humanitarian situation on the current peace-building dynamics in the country.

The A3+1 reiterate their support to the UNITAMS on the implementation of its mandate. We commend in this regard, the various support and training activities undertaken within its mandate to assist the political transition, facilitate the implementation of the JPA, as well as to support the Sudanese led peacebuilding, protection of civilians and rule of law efforts.

A special thanks to SRSO Volker Perthes for his mediation efforts aiming to reach a negotiated political settlement.

**M. President,**

In conclusion, The A3+1 reiterate their position rejecting all acts that may jeopardize the stability and the unity of Sudan and reaffirm their solidarity with the people of Sudan and full support to a peaceful transition to democracy, paving the way for a prosperous and peaceful future not only in Sudan, but in the whole region.

We hope that the close cooperation with UNITAMS and the country team, and a strong support from the international community behind a unified Security Council will help Sudan to address these challenges.

**Thank You**