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### **A3 +1 STATEMENT**

#### **ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL VTC ON Security Council Quarterly Briefing on the 1591 Committee's Work**

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**Mr. President,**

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

We thank the Chair of the 1591 Committee, H.E Ambassador Sven Jurgenson, for his quarterly briefing on the committee's work.

We would like to commend the Sudanese Transitional Government and the Sudanese Revolutionary Movements for initialing the landmark Juba Peace agreement on 31 August, which was followed a few days later by an agreement with Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North faction to establish negotiation workshops to resolve some outstanding issues.

There is no doubt that these historic developments constitute a significant step towards addressing the root causes of the civil conflicts in Sudan and achieving sustainable, inclusive, and lasting peace in the country. They place Sudan, once again, on the right track to a true and inclusive democratic transition.

We encourage the Sudanese Parties to maintain political will and determination so far displayed, to ensure effective implementation of these agreements. At the same time, we urge the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLA) led by Mr. Abul Wahid Nur, to explore avenues with the Sudan Transitional Government towards participation in the peace process.

**Mr. President,**

As you all know, such positive developments came after almost one year of negotiations in Juba, under the mediation of H.E. President Salva Kiir. They prove once more the effectiveness of regional mechanism resolving Africa's conflicts.

We take this opportunity to commend H.E. President Salva Kiir and the Government and People of South Sudan for their dedication to Sudan's peace.

We also commend IGAD, UNAMID, and Sudan's international partners for their support to the process and we urge them all to continue supporting the country to translate the peace agreement into reality and to create the conducive environment for its development.

**M. President,**

We concur with the Chair's concluding remark that the sanctions regime was established for the purpose of helping to bring peace to Darfur and not to punish Sudan.

In this regard, we think the time has come for the Council to review the sanctions with the aim of lifting them gradually before they become completely counterproductive, in a way that will enable the Government of Sudan to enhance its authority on the ground

In the same vein, we reiterate the AUPSC's call for the lifting of all forms of sanctions imposed against Sudan in order to boost the current momentum of the transitional process and to create the conditions conducive to economic recovery, growth and stability in the country. We also urge the international community and the financial institutions to assist in addressing these challenges particularly as the covid-19 pandemic and the adverse effects of Climate Change, as exemplified by the recent devastating floods, continue to exacerbate Sudan's humanitarian situation.

I thank you