Mr. President,

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

2. We are grateful to the Secretary General for his report highlighting the activities of UNITAMS and recent developments in Sudan. We also thank SRSG for Sudan, Mr. Volker Perthes, for his briefing and welcome the participation of Sudan in this meeting.

Mr. President,

3. The A3+1 commend the transitional Government of Sudan for the progress in the implementation of political, governance, economic, legal and the structural reforms, outlined in the Constitutional Declaration and the Juba Peace Agreement (JPA).
4. The A3+1 wish to underscore four (4) imperatives for peace, stability, democratic governance and economic growth in Sudan.

Mr. President,

5. **The First imperative is sustaining the peace process to entrench it in ALL parts of Sudan.** It is notable that since the signing of the historic Juba Peace Agreement, the ceasefire continues to hold in Darfur, as well as in South Kordofan and the Blue Nile States.

6. We urge the parties to remain committed to the peace process, expedite implementation of all aspects of the JPA in order to deliver tangible benefits to the citizenry and avoid any relapse.


8. We appeal to the remaining armed groups to expeditiously and unconditionally join the peace process.

9. The A3+1 are concerned by the recurrent violent inter-communal clashes in Darfur. We appeal for prompt implementation of the National Plan for Civilian Protection of Civilians, as well as promotion of dialogue and reconciliation among the different ethnic communities.

10. We note that Sudan has already demonstrated notable success in its journey to peace and stability and that this is a matter of internal focus and competence.

Mr. President,

11. **Second imperative, is advancing democratic governance and institutional reforms.** The A3+1 commend the transitional government for the adoption and implementation of policies to broaden democratic governance as defined by the Constitution document and the JPA.

12. We urge the government to expedite the formation of remaining transitional institutions, including the Transitional Legislative Council.
13. The A3+1 also wish to reiterate the importance of ensuring that transitional mechanism and related institutions are all inclusive. Special consideration should be made to creating opportunities for women and youth who were the pillars of the 2019 revolution.

14. As such, we welcome the recent ratification of the Maputo Protocol and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women by Sudan.

Mr. President

15. The third imperative is reviving the economy and addressing the humanitarian situation. The deteriorating economic situation compounded by the humanitarian situation and the Covid-19 pandemic can exacerbate fragility.

16. In addition, the adverse effects of climate change continue to take its toll on the socio-economic, humanitarian and security situation. Accordingly, we express our appreciation for UNITAMS’ efforts in assisting to address climate-related security risks and build the resilience of the Sudanese States.

17. The revival of the economy is a critical component of efforts to reduce poverty, minimize inequalities, improve social protection, and enhance cohesion and achieve sustained peace.

18. The A3+1 commend the transitional Government for its steadfast commitment to implement difficult but necessary economic and structural reforms and encourage further efforts to attain the requirements for Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative decision point.

19. The A3+1 appreciate the continued assistance of international partners and international financial institutions to facilitate clearance of Sudan loan arrears and providing social protection. We welcome the International Conference to support the Sudanese Transition recently hosted by France as significant step in this regard.

20. We have a responsibility to help Sudan consolidate its democratic transition, rebuild its economy and deliver sustainable peace and development for all its diverse society.

21. The fourth imperative, Mr. President, is consistent international support. The A3+1 commend the efforts of international partners and friends of Sudan, thus
far, in providing the much needed financial resources and investments, as well as in addressing humanitarian challenges.

22. We urge the international community to do more by extending the much needed diplomatic, technical, financial and logistical support towards the implementation of the Constitution Document and the JPA.

23. Additional support is also needed to boost humanitarian emergency response, arrest the Covid-19 situation and confront climate challenges. In this respect, we encourage the international community to honour their climate finance pledges so that Sudan can bolster its adaptation and mitigation efforts.

Mr. President,

24. **In conclusion**, the A3+1 wish to commend the progress made in the establishment of UNITAMS, as well as the creation of benchmarks, plans and programs for implementation. We call on UNITAMS to continue working closely with the transitional authorities to facilitate expeditious implementation of the reform agenda.

25. We wish to underscore that all programs and initiatives must be Sudanese-owned and Sudanese-led.

26. We also reaffirm our solidarity with the People of Sudan during this period in their history, and will continue to support to their endeavor to achieve sustainable peace, security, and greater economic development.

**I thank you for your kind attention.**