



Explanation of Vote on El Fasher Resolution, 13 June 2024

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President

Malta thanks the United Kingdom as penholder for its extensive efforts on this file, and all Council Members for engaging constructively.

Malta voted in favour of this important resolution which resoundingly calls upon the RSF to cease the siege on the city of El Fasher immediately.

The text further recalls the urgent cessation of hostilities in the region while demanding all parties to the conflict to ensure the protection of civilians, and to comply with their obligations under international law.

The resolution issues a robust message on the illicit transfers of arms and military material to Darfur, reminding all parties to the conflict and Member States who facilitate these transfers of their obligations to comply with the arms embargo measures, and that such violations may be designated for targeted measures under Resolution 1591.



The proliferation of weapons across Sudan, particularly those fuelled by external actors, has only perpetuated the conflict and loss of life. We join the Council's call on all Member States to refrain from such external interference.

President

We express deep concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation across the country, including the imminent risk of famine, particularly in Darfur.

We are deeply troubled by the recent assault on the Southern Hospital in El Fasher, which tragically claimed the lives of humanitarian personnel. Similarly, we are appalled by the reports of the massacre in Wad Al-Nura in Gezira State. The ongoing pillaging of humanitarian supplies is intolerable.

We underscore the need for the full, rapid, safe, unhindered, and sustained cross-border and crossline humanitarian assistance into Darfur, and other conflict affected areas.

Malta reiterates that those responsible for the untold suffering of civilians must be held accountable.



On this front, we condemn all violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of human rights, including cases of sexual and gender-based violence, and the recruitment of children.

President

The prompt implementation of this resolution is imperative. We welcome today's adoption as a significant effort to uphold the commitment to an immediate and sustainable ceasefire, and to ensure the protection of civilians.

We continue to lend our support to Personal Envoy Lamamra, whose synergising efforts, including with the African Union, are critical to help advance a comprehensive political process, which also seeks the full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation of women.

We look forward to regular updates on all elements of this resolution.

I thank you.