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Thank you, President. I also thank USG DiCarlo, OCHA Director Rajasingham, and Ms Ahmadi for their sobering briefings.

The conflict in Sudan continues to inflict devastating consequences on civilians. The violence between the warring parties has unleashed the largest displacement crisis in the world, and led to famine in multiple areas across the country.

We are deeply concerned by the escalation of hostilities in Darfur, Khartoum, and Al Jazirah, and increasing attacks on civilian populations and critical infrastructure, including hospitals and schools. Malta strongly condemns these attacks.

We reiterate our call to the SAF and the RSF to reach an immediate and sustainable ceasefire, to ensure the protection of civilians, and to facilitate unfettered humanitarian access. We urge them to respect their obligations under international law, and to translate their commitments into tangible actions.



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We remind all Member States of their obligations under the 1591 sanctions regime and its related arms embargo, and to refrain from external interference which foments conflict and instability.

Just last Friday, the 1591 Sanctions Committee approved the listing of two RSF commanders engaged in actions that threaten the peace and security of Darfur. These listings mark the first additional ones since the start of the conflict in Sudan and are a step in the right direction.

President

Immediate measures to halt and prevent violations of international humanitarian law, and abuses and violations of human rights, are integral in advancing civilian protection.

The use of sexual and gender-based violence against Sudanese women and girls, highlighted by the report of the Independent Fact-Finding Mission, is deplorable and must stop.



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The increase of 480% in violations and abuses against children, as documented in the Secretary-General's annual CAAC report, is deeply alarming. Sudanese children are increasingly at risk of becoming a lost generation.

The parties must end and prevent all grave violations against children, including their recruitment and use in hostilities, killing and maiming, sexual violence, and abduction.

Concrete steps must be taken to ensure that perpetrators of these horrific crimes are held accountable, including through independent accountability mechanisms. Survivors must also be given the necessary protection, services, and access to justice.

President

We cannot stress enough the importance of urgent action, including by this Council. The lives of millions of Sudanese are at stake. The deliberate use of starvation as a weapon of war, ethnically motivated attacks, and identity-based violence, warns us of a growing risk of genocide and other atrocity crimes.



In this context, Malta welcomes the tabling of a resolution that seeks to operationalise the recent recommendations of the Secretary-General on the protection of civilians.

We encourage Personal Envoy Lamamra, in coordination with the African Union and other key stakeholders, to maintain engagement with the warring parties.

Mediation efforts towards the delivery of a ceasefire, the reduction of violence, and the sustained passage of humanitarian aid through crossline and cross-border routes, including through Adré, must be continuously supported. A robust compliance mechanism can help achieve these aims.

The full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation of women in all levels and stages of decision-making is also indispensable.

We commend women and youth-led organisations. Since the start of the conflict, they have displayed courage when advancing the cause of peace and civilian protection needs. We deplore any threats and reprisals made against them. They deserve our support.



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To conclude, President, there is no more time to lose. We look forward to engaging with all Council Members on this resolution which aims to bring Sudan closer to peace and stability. Malta will remain supportive of all efforts to this end.

I thank you.