

Africa Network of the International Peace Bureau

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STATEMENT ON THE ONGOING CRISIS IN SUDAN

On behalf of the Africa Network of the International Peace Bureau, we express our deep concern over the current issues in Sudan. The ongoing political crisis and escalating violence in the country have led to the loss of numerous lives and the displacement of thousands of civilians.

The situation in Sudan has been marked by violence, displacement, and suffering for far too long and it is time for all parties to prioritize peace and the well-being of their fellow Sudanese citizens.

We call on all parties involved in the conflict to immediately cease all hostilities and engage in meaningful dialogue and negotiation towards a sustainable peace agreement. The use of force and violence will only perpetuate the suffering of the Sudanese people and will not lead to a lasting solution. We further call on the international community, especially the African Union, to support efforts towards restoring stability and promoting sustainable peace in Sudan.

The ongoing conflict in Sudan has devastating effects on the country and its people. The violence and insecurity have led to the loss of numerous lives, the destruction of homes and infrastructure, and the displacement of thousands of civilians. The conflict has also exacerbated existing humanitarian challenges in the country, such as food insecurity, and limited access to healthcare, and basic services, particularly for the most vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

Moreover, the political crisis has resulted in a significant economic downturn, with many businesses and industries affected by the instability. The inflation rate has soared, and the cost of basic goods and services has increased, making it difficult for ordinary citizens to afford the essentials.

The conflict has also had wider regional implications, with neighbouring countries hosting thousands of Sudanese refugees and facing their own security challenges as a result.

It is clear that the ongoing conflict is not only detrimental to the well-being of Sudanese citizens but also poses a significant threat to regional stability and security. It is, therefore, imperative that all stakeholders work together towards a peaceful resolution of the crisis, prioritising the well-being and safety of the Sudanese people.

It is essential that the rights and needs of all Sudanese citizens are protected, including the marginalised and vulnerable groups such as women, children, and internally displaced persons. We also urge the Sudanese government to ensure

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that perpetrators of human rights abuses and atrocities are held accountable.

The IPB Africa Network remains committed to working towards peace and security in Sudan and across the continent. We call on all stakeholders to prioritise the well-being of the Sudanese people and work together towards a peaceful and prosperous future for the country.