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Mr. President

ICSFT is alarmed by the deteriorating human rights situation in Sudan. Since the Transitional Military Council took charge the country is in an ongoing state of crisis. Militias, armed groups and security forces, including Rapid Support Forces are committing serious violations with total impunity. Abductions, extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention, torture and attacks on free expression continue.

To illustrate, the violent dispersal of protestors of the sit-in site in Khartoum on 3 June resulted in at least 128 deaths and dozens of injuries and sexual assault.

While we welcome the attention given to the situation in Sudan at this session, much remains to be done to end impunity and ensure accountability.

Mr. President

We urge Sudan to release all political detainees, stop the use of violence against peaceful protestors, remove all restrictions to rights, and allow for a credible and inclusive political dialogue and peace agreement that includes Darfur, the Nuba Mountains and the Blue Nile, with the view of transitioning to a reformed country that upholds human rights.

We call on this council to establish an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate violations since the start of the protests, and provide technical support to the national investigation agreed by the Forces for Freedom and Change and the TMC to ensure credibility and impartiality.

Once again, we urge this council for long term robust monitoring, public reporting, and meaningful efforts towards accountability! As such we call for the renewal of the mandate of the Independent Expert with the full mandate to investigate and report on violations, including violations committed by TMC, RSF, and NISS. **I thank you**