

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA

AT THE

THE 56TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL,

ON THE

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE SUDAN AGENDA ITEM 2

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Mr. President

Uganda aligns with the Group statements of the Africa Group and OIC.

We are deeply concerned by the continued conflict in the sisterly country of Sudan.

The ongoing war has caused and continues to cause loss of life, destruction of property, the displacement of millions of people and a humanitarian crisis that continues to loom large. In this regard I wish to state the following;

First, the guns need to go silent to avert further devastation. I reiterate our call for an immediate permanent ceasefire.

Second; We are grateful to the international actors who are providing much needed humanitarian support, but more is needed, and a humanitarian corridor should be created.

Third; We call on the parties in the conflict to engage in dialogue that is inclusive to find a solution, that will restore peace, stability, constitutionalism and democracy in the country.

Forth, Uganda will continue to work closely with the Sudan, bilaterally and through existing regional frameworks, to support efforts to restore peace and stability. In this regard, in Uganda's capacity as Chair of the AU Peace and Security Council for the month of June, His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni will convene a summit of Heads of State and Government on the situation in Sudan on 21st June 2024.

We invite the international community to support these efforts.

We recognize and appreciate the cooperation demonstrated by the Government of the Sudan with the Council and its mechanisms and encourage it to continue.

We also implore the Council to prioritize dialogue and engagement with the Sudan, as anything to the contrary is counterproductive.

Thank you.