

Mr President

We take note of the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Ugandan people and indeed my government, renew our solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the Sudan.

We are concerned about continued conflict in this brotherly country that has caused a loss of life, destruction of property, displacement of millions of people and a humanitarian crisis.

There is need for an immediate ceasefire and we call on the parties to heed the call for one.

We further urge the parties to engage in a dialogue. We say this because we are convinced peace and stability, national reconciliation, and human rights are intrinsically linked.

Uganda will continue to work closely with Sudan, bilaterally and through existing regional frameworks, to support efforts to restore peace and stability. These efforts should be supported.

We commend Sudan for its consistent cooperation and engagement with this Council and its mechanisms. This commitment was well demonstrated through arrangement of the human rights expert's visit to Sudan at the beginning of this year.

We implore the Council to prioritize dialogue and consultation with Sudan. Anything to the contrary, is counterproductive.

We also urge the Council to offer necessary technical support and capacity building, as and when requested by Sudan, in support of efforts for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you.