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the Sudan with assistance of Designated Expert**

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Mr. President,

Italy aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and reiterates its deep concern at the reports of gross violations and abuses of international human rights law as well as serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in Sudan by all parties in the context of the conflict.

We are appalled by the number of killings and by the widespread incidents of sexual and gender-based violence. The increased risk of recruitment and use of children by armed forces and armed groups is alarming. Accountability for all violations and abuses remains crucial.

In front of one of the world's largest displacement and protection crises, hostilities must stop immediately. Italy strongly calls on all parties to protect civilians, to ensure rapid, safe and unhindered access to humanitarian assistance, and to halt any attack against civilian infrastructures, especially medical and education facilities.

Italy also encourages further mediations efforts, including by the UN, the African Union and other international and regional actors, as well as the resumption of an inclusive political dialogue with a view at restoring a civilian-led government.

We will continue to support the engagement with the OHCHR, the Designated Expert and the International Fact-Finding Mission, towards a peaceful and democratic future for all people in Sudan.

Thank you