



We, Denmark, France, Greece, Guyana, Panama, Slovenia, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, and my own country Sierra Leone—signatories to the Shared Commitments on Women, Peace, and Security—express profound concern over the rapidly deteriorating political and security situation in South Sudan. Swift action is needed to prevent the collapse of peace efforts and avert further human suffering.

We are committed to diplomatic and multilateral efforts to prevent further violence, particularly violence disproportionately affecting women and girls. The Security Council has repeatedly called for the meaningful inclusion of women in conflict resolution, and we stand ready to support these efforts.

We urge the Transitional Government to create conditions for transparent, free, and fair elections; to develop, through an inclusive process, a permanent constitution reflecting the will of the people; and to fully implement the 2018 Revitalized Peace Agreement.

Women and girls in South Sudan continue to bear the brunt of ongoing hostilities, intercommunal conflict, the dissemination of small arms, climate-related shocks, and deepening poverty. The reported rise in conflict-related sexual violence, mass displacement, especially of women and girls, and the collapse of essential services has increased risks of maternal mortality, harmful coping mechanisms, and acute food insecurity. These vulnerabilities are compounded by the influx of refugees fleeing the conflict in Sudan.



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We condemn all violations of women's rights and fundamental freedoms and call for accountability. Continued failure to implement key provisions of the 2018 Revitalized Peace Agreement—such as the 35 per cent quota for women's representation—has delayed political transition and pushed the country toward renewed instability. We urge all parties to re-engage in inclusive negotiations, allow unrestricted humanitarian access and to fully respect international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

We are concerned by restrictions on civic space and by funding cuts, including the closure of key humanitarian programs, which have affected women peacebuilders and forced many women's organizations to suspend operations at a critical time.

Commitments to protect and empower women and girls—enshrined in the 2018 Peace Agreement, the Maputo Protocol ratified in 2023, and national plans on Women, Peace and Security and on eliminating sexual and gender-based violence—must now be translated into concrete action and meaningful accountability.

We fully support the efforts of the African Union, IGAD, UNMISS, and the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan to advance peace, justice, and stability for the people of South Sudan.