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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you, Madame President.

Allow me to thank Denmark for convening this important meeting with the participation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark. I would also like to welcome the participation of Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia in this meeting. And I would also like to thank USG DiCarlo and USG Fletcher for their sobering briefings, as well as Dr. Khair for her remarks.

Madame President,

Sudan remains the world's gravest humanitarian crisis and an end to this devastating conflict is long overdue. We remain deeply concerned by the continuing deterioration of the situation in Sudan and the devastating impact of the conflict on the civilian population, particularly on children.

Allow me to highlight three points:

First, the protection of civilians must remain our immediate priority. We strongly condemn attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure by all parties to the conflict and urge them to fully comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law. Those responsible for violations must be brought to justice and held accountable.

We are also concerned by the increasing use of drones, which continues to endanger civilians, disrupt humanitarian operations and damage essential infrastructure, particularly in Darfur, the Kordofans and Blue Nile. Continued insecurity around El Obeid has further aggravated shortages of food and medical supplies and contributed to further displacement. We strongly condemn attacks by the RSF in the area against civilians and critical infrastructure and reiterate our firm opposition to any potential ground offensive against the city that could result in further mass atrocities such as those witnessed in El-Fasher.

Second, the humanitarian situation requires urgent and sustained action. Over 30 million people now need assistance while internal displacement from the conflict has surpassed 8,6 million people, many of whom are facing acute food insecurity and famine conditions. Meanwhile, as we will also discuss tomorrow, international aid efforts face severe disruptions due to delays affecting supply chains through the Red Sea and the Strait of Hormuz.

All parties must facilitate humanitarian operations, remove bureaucratic and administrative obstacles and ensure the safety and security of humanitarian personnel. The starvation of civilians as a method of warfare is prohibited under international humanitarian law and must never be tolerated.

We are particularly alarmed by the devastating impact of the conflict on children, as highlighted also by Dr. Khair. Ongoing violence, displacement, malnutrition and the destruction of school and health facilities are depriving children of their most basic rights and of a safe future. We call on all parties to immediately end and prevent grave violations against children and to fully respect their obligations under international law.

Women and girls also continue to face alarming levels of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence. Such violations must end, perpetrators must be held accountable and survivors must have access to appropriate services.

Third, there can be no military solution to this conflict. Greece calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities and urges the parties to engage constructively towards a sustainable ceasefire. We encourage regional and international actors to use their influence to promote de-escalation and support a credible political process. Any lasting solution must be Sudanese-led and Sudanese-owned, with full respect for the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of Sudan.

In this regard, we support the continued efforts of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General, Mr Pekka Haavisto, as well as those of the Quad, the Quintet and regional actors. An inclusive political process, with the meaningful participation of women and civil society, remains essential to restoring peace and addressing the legitimate aspirations of the Sudanese people.

Madame President,

This Council and the wider international community must remain united in protecting civilians, ensuring unhindered humanitarian access and advancing a peaceful resolution of the conflict. Greece will continue to support all credible efforts towards lasting peace and stability in Sudan.

I thank you.