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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council at its 854th meeting held on 6 June 2019, on the situation in The Sudan,

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling its communiqués [PSC/PR/COMM.(DCCCXL)], [PSC/PR/COMM.(DCCCXLVI)] and [PSC/PR/COMM.(DCCCXLII)] adopted at its 840th, 846th and 852nd meetings held, respectively, on 15 April 2019, 30 April 2019 and 27 May 2019 on the situation in the Republic of Sudan ***recalling specifically*** the provisions of paragraph 5 of the communique of its 846th meeting, in which Council decided to extend the deadline for an additional period of up to sixty (60) days for the military authorities in Sudan to hand over power to a civilian-led Transitional Authority, and paragraph 7 of the same communique that requested the Chairperson of the Commission to report to Council every three weeks and necessary, on the progress made, to enabling Council to assess the situation on the ground in Sudan, bearing in mind that Council shall, at any time deemed appropriate, in view of the prevailing circumstances in the country, take the necessary measures, including imposing of sanctions, in line with article 7(g) of its Protocol;

Noting the statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the African Union, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Brima Patrick Kapuwa, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the PSC for the month of June 2019, as well as the briefings made by the Chairperson of the AU Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, and Ambassador Smail Chergui, Commissioner for Peace and Security, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the communiqué of its 846th meeting; ***also noting*** the statements made by the Representatives of Sudan and Ethiopia, in its capacity as Chair of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD);

Reaffirming the solidarity of the African Union with the Sudanese in their aspirations to constitutional order that will enable them to make progress in its efforts towards the democratic transformation of the country.

Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council:

1. ***Expresses its deep concern*** over the lack of progress, since its initial meeting following the Coup d'Etat of 11 April 2019 in Sudan, towards the establishment of a civilian-led Transitional Authority as demanded by Council;

2. ***Deplores*** the loss of innocent lives which took place in recent days in Sudan and expresses its condolences to the families of the deceased; ***Further wishes*** a speedy recovery to the injured persons;

3. ***Strongly condemns*** the violence that led to the loss of lives and injuries among civilians; ***Requests*** the Chairperson of the Commission, in close coordination with the relevant stakeholders in Sudan, IGAD and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), within the framework of relevant AU instruments relating to the fight against impunity, to make

concrete proposals on the modalities for an investigation into the deadly events which took place from 3 June 2019 in Sudan, and report to Council;

4. ***Reaffirms the imperative*** for the military and security forces to ensure the full protection of civilians and respect for human rights and freedoms in Sudan;

5. ***Strongly condemns and totally rejects*** any unilateral actions by whomsoever in the process of resolving the current crisis; In this regard, ***rejects*** the unilateral actions taken by the Transitional Military Council, notably the suspension of dialogue with other Sudanese stakeholders; In this context, ***demands*** that the Transitional Military Council and all other concerned Sudanese stakeholders abide by previously reached agreements on the setting up of a civilian-led Transitional Authority;

6. ***Underlines, once more,*** the primacy of African-led initiatives in the search for a lasting solution to the crisis in Sudan; ***Reiterates its call*** to all partners to support AU and IGAD efforts and refrain from any action that could undermine African-led initiatives;

7. ***Underscores, once more***, the fact that the Sudanese stakeholders are the sole authors of their destiny at this critical juncture in the history of their Country; In this context, ***stresses*** that there should be no external interference by whomsoever in the process of resolving the current crisis;

8. ***Demands*** that all concerned in Sudan exert maximum restraint and refrain from any move that could ignite the already highly volatile situation in Sudan and to give primacy to the supreme interest of the people of Sudan;

9. ***Further demands*** the immediate resumption of negotiations, without pre-conditions, between all Sudanese stakeholders towards the establishment of a civilian-led Transitional Authority, in full compliance with the decisions of this Council;

10. ***Stresses the imperative***, within the framework of the African Peace and Security Architecture and the African Governance Architecture, for the IGAD, based on the principle of subsidiarity and comparative advantage, to scale up its engagement in the resolution of resolution of the Sudanese crisis; ***Further emphasizes the need*** for IGAD to mobilize and convene all the Sudanese stakeholders to dialogue, with a view to speedily establish a civilian-led Transitional Authority in Sudan;

11. ***Requests*** the Chairperson of the Commission to immediately take the necessary measures to further strengthen the AU Facilitation Team in Sudan and to liaise closely with the IGAD to enhance synergy and coherence in bringing together the Sudanese stakeholders back to dialogue, in order to put in place a civilian-led Transitional Authority;

12. ***Decides***, in line with the relevant AU instruments, in particular the AU Constitutive Act, the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union

and the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, to suspend, with immediate effect, the participation of the Republic of Sudan in all AU activities until the effective establishment of a civilian-led Transitional Authority, as the only way to allow the Sudan to exit from its current crisis;

13. ***Further decides*** that, should the Transition Military Council fail to hand-over power to a civilian-led Transitional Authority, Council shall, without any further delay, automatically impose punitive measures on individuals and entities obstructing the establishment of the civilian-led Transitional Authority;

14. ***Decides*** to remain actively seized of the matter.