

Date: 11 July 2023

His Excellency, the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Abdel Fatah El Sisi

Excellences, the Presidents of Sudan's Neighboring Countries

Subject: The summit meeting for Sudan's neighboring countries, to find peaceful solutions to the Sudan crisis

Excellences,

We Sudanese women, participating in the summit meeting for Sudan's neighboring countries and representing all women and children in Sudan

Welcome Egypt hosting the summit of Sudan's neighboring countries on Thursday, July 13, in Cairo.

Recall the UN Landmark Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and other relevant international and regional instruments, which stipulated on the importance of women's role in the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response, and post-conflict reconstruction, and calling for protecting women and girls from violence, particularly armed-conflict related sexual violence.

Recognize the Egyptian initiative and leadership to host the summit meeting for Sudan's neighboring countries, to find peaceful solutions to the Sudan crisis.

Appreciate President Abdel Fattah's El-Sisi and the Egyptian support specifically to Sudanese Women and children across Egyptian/Sudanese borders.

Recognize the Egyptian efforts exerted to welcome Sudanese women and children in Egyptian land after the war started and, providing with humanitarian services.

Acknowledge the great potential of women's leadership, participation, and mediation role in achieving sustainable peace and enhancing its durability.

Urge the Neighbouring countries to protect women and girls in Sudan, to include women in peace process, protect them from sexual violence and exploitation, and provide them with access to the basic necessities.

Confirm the devastating impact of the war that started on 15th April between the National Sudanese Army and the Rapid Support Forces, which spread from the capital Khartoum to include Darfur, and Kordofan, causing a devastation impact on Sudan including displacement, fleeing of citizens, most of them are women and children, to other states and neighboring countries. Add to that, the horrible war

crimes against humanity that have been mentioned by many human rights organizations and bodies. Needless to mention, all forms of suffering including inaccessibility to health services, food, water, cash, income etc.

Acknowledge the far reaching consequences of war on women and girls and its impact on their lives.

Recognize that women have shown that even in the most difficult of circumstances, they can be resilient, powerful forces, and agents of positive change and sustainable peace.

Stress that women must receive relief being the most vulnerable people in armed conflicts, including to facilitate their full access to humanitarian assistance.

Appreciate and thank all neighboring countries for opening their borders and hosting Sudanese people, in particular women and children, elderly, wounded and sick persons with chronic diseases. Nearly 615,000 refugees have crossed the border into neighboring countries with 2.2 million displaced in-country. And also thank them for providing humanitarian assistance to affected population inside Sudan and for exerting efforts to support Sudanese people in their countries.

Acknowledge the importance of neighboring countries to consider the impact of Sudan's war on their countries that goes beyond hosting refugees. Sudan has trade agreements and is a major food supplier to neighboring countries. Sudan is among the largest countries that export livestock, agricultural products and minerals, among others.

Fear the continuation of the war that could result in the influx of terrorist groups in the current fragile context of Sudan which will affect Sudan and neighboring countries as a threat to their national security. Smuggling of weapons and strategic commodities, drugs, trafficking, illegal migration may evolve across the borders in the case of the continuation of the war.

Note the important role of neighboring countries in Sudan's stability and the important role of Sudan in neighboring countries stability.

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Sudanese women:

Appreciate the summit's intention to establish mechanisms to resolve the crisis in Sudan peacefully.

Urges the neighboring countries in establishing mechanisms to

Foster an end to the war with no more truces that proved to be ineffective and propose ways to sustain the end of the armed conflict with clear monitoring mechanism all over Sudan.

Ensure civilians' security where military troops pull out from cities and evacuate houses and localities to allow prompt return of Sudanese from neighboring countries.

Protect the civilians including women and girls from any form of violence in particular conflict related sexual violence.

Ensure immediate delivery to humanitarian assistance to people affected inside Sudan and in neighboring countries

Call for your leadership to facilitate entry visa for Sudanese who need medical evacuation, elderly, women and children who are stranded at the borders.

Contribute to rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the social services, and the economy.

Support women's organizations in Sudan to provide services such as counseling, legal support, and healthcare to women who have been affected by the crisis.

Emphasize the importance to harmonize all initiatives seeking to support Sudan to overcome its crisis in order to ensure inclusive, just and lasting peace in Sudan

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Sudanese women:

Commends on the role of neighboring countries to support Sudan and Sudanese people to overcome this horrible war.

Calls upon states not to forget the plight of Sudanese women and children in their discussions and decisions at this summit and we believe that with your support and solidarity, we can build a better future for ourselves and our families.

Wish you a successful summit and look forward to the results.

Signatories:

Initiative	State
Women led initiatives established as a response to the war	
Women Against War	Includes women from across Sudan
Mothers of Sudan	Blue Nile Region
Eastern Sudan Women's Initiative to Stop the War	Eastern Sudan Region
Women's Call Initiative for Rejection and Cessation of War (Nahda Women's Organization for Change, Peace, and Sustainable Development)	Kordofan Region
Women in the Field	North Darfur State
Ceasefire Initiative - Darfur Sector	Darfur Region
Solidarity of Mothers in Gezira for Shelter	Al-Jazira State
Initiative of Organizations	Red Sea State
Eastern Sudan Women's Alliance	Eastern Region
Darfur Women's Platform	Darfur Region
Networks, Coalitions and alliances	
Women for Peace and Security Network	Darfur States (West, Central, South, North, and East), Kordofan Region, Blue Nile Region, Kassala, and Red Sea States
Blue Nile Women's Network for Peace & Development (BNWDP)	Blue Nile Region
Political and Civil Women's Groups (MANSAM)	From Across Sudan
No To Women's Oppression	From Across Sudan
Emergency Rooms	
El Gedaref Emergency Room	Al-Gadarif State
Northern State Emergency Room	Northern State
Greater Omdurman Emergency Room	Khartoum State
Omdurman Emergency Room	Khartoum State
Kassala Emergency Room	Kassala State
Port Sudan Emergency Room	Red Sea State
Women led civil Society Organizations	
Sudanese Organization for Research and Development	Khartoum State, Eastern Region, Blue Nile Region and South Darfur State.
Al Harisat Organization	Khartoum State
Women's Development Organization	Red Sea State
Women and Youth Victims of Wars	Blue Nile Region
Women's House of Finance Association	Khartoum State

Women and Child Development and Peace Organization	Eastern Sudan, Red Sea, Port Sudan, and its rural areas
SAS Legal Center	Khartoum State
AMNA Organization	Khartoum State
Association of Disabled Women in Kassala	Kassala State
Bait Al-Balad Association	Blue Nile Region
No to the Oppression of Women	Khartoum State
Nora Organization for Combating Violence Against Women and Girls	Khartoum State
Bitagdri- You can	Northern Region
Al-Khairia Charitable Organization for Women and Child Development	Blue Nile Region
National Planning Organization	Kordofan Region
Nuqtat Daw' Association for Development	Kassala State
Sudanese Women's Union	
Women's Awareness Initiative (WAI)	Blue Nile Region
Women's Development and Protection Association	North Darfur State
Cultural Steps Association	Khartoum State
DARTIC Community Initiative for Researchers and Data Analysts	White Nile and West Darfur States
Gadrat for Support and Development	Al-Jazira State
Gender Center for Research and Studies	Khartoum State
Women Lawyers for Change Center	Khartoum State
March 8 Women's Group	Red Sea State
Women's Alliance and Platform for Sudanese Women's Renaissance	
Open Up for Peace and Development	Khartoum State
Madania Organization	Khartoum State
Asmaa Society for Development	Khartoum State
Babiker Badri Scientific Association	Khartoum State
Salama Humanitarian Initiative	Khartoum State
Mutawinat	Khartoum State
Dar Fur Women's Forum	Darfur
Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA)	Sudan