



DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION ON THE SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) has taken note of the worrying development of the political transition process in the Republic of Sudan, which has resulted in the detention of His Excellency **Abdallah Hamdock**, Prime Minister, members of the Government and civil society, as well as the suspension of access to the internet and other media.

The ICGLR calls for the immediate release of all detainees and strict respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The ICGLR also calls on the civilian and military authorities of the Republic of Sudan to contribute to dialogue and consultation, with reference at all times to the Constitutional Charter for the Transition Period, signed on 4th of August 2019.

Finally, the ICGLR calls on the Armed Forces of the Republic of Sudan to guarantee their commitment to handle the democratic transition until the holding of free, fair and transparent elections in July 2023 for the transfer of power to a democratically elected civilian Government.

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