



## **STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE ICGLR ON SUDAN**

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The Executive Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) wishes to express deep concern and condemnation to the recent announcement made by the Rapid Support Forces militia (RSF) and their affiliated groups on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025, concerning the establishment of an alternative government that sets forth a parallel governing body in regions under their control.

This development presents significant implications for the unity of Sudan and has the potential to hinder ongoing regional and international initiatives aimed at fostering peace and dialogue. The ICGLR voices its rejection to this unilateral action, which poses challenges to Sudan's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In reaffirming the principles established during the 10th Extraordinary Summit of ICGLR Heads of State and Government in June 2023, ICGLR emphasizes its belief that the resolution of the Sudanese crisis does not reside in military measures but rather necessitates an inclusive political dialogue. In this context ICGLR welcomes the practical steps taken by the Government of Sudan to establish a civilian Government to pave the way for peace and stability in the country. ICGLR is steadfast in its belief that sustainable peace in Sudan can only be realized through comprehensive discussions among all Sudanese stakeholders.

The ICGLR underscores the importance of collaboration with Sudan's legitimate authorities to support a peaceful and democratic transition and calls upon the international community to support the Government of Sudan to reach lasting peace in the country. Finally, ICGLR affirms its commitment to Sudan's unity, territorial integrity, and the pursuit of a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict.