



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) is deeply concerned with the recent violent attacks in Sudan, especially the tragic assault by the Rapid Support Forces Militia (RSF) in El Fasher and the Abu Shouk displacement camp on 18th August 2025 which led to the loss of 40 innocent lives and left 19 others injured.

Since April 2024, the residents of El Fasher have endured an unimaginable siege, the recent escalation of violence has forced many individuals to flee their homes. The ICGLR emphasizes the need for all parties to honour international humanitarian law and, above all, to prioritize the safety and well-being of civilians. A ceasefire is crucial to pave the way for dialogue and to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid, particularly as many face the dire threat of hunger.

ICGLR implores the international community to stand in solidarity with those affected in El Fasher, advocating for the protection of vulnerable populations and ensuring that humanitarian assistance reaches those in need; in this context ICGLR supports the recent appeal made by the Prime Minister of Sudan HE Mr. Kamil Idris to the United Nations Secretary-General and members of the Security Council, to end the siege of El Fashir and end the humanitarian crisis in the city. ICGLR believes that it is our collective responsibility to work together to prevent further loss of lives and to ease the suffering of innocent citizens.

The ICGLR underscores the importance of collaboration with Sudan's legitimate authorities to support a peaceful and democratic transition. We continue to affirm our commitment to Sudan's unity, territorial integrity, and the pursuit of a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict.