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ICGLR CONDEMNS DRONE ATTACKS ON KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

7th May 2026, Bujumbura – The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) expresses its deep concern and strongly condemns the drone attacks that targeted strategic civilian infrastructure on May 4, 2026, including Khartoum International Airport, in the Republic of the Sudan. These attacks represent a dangerous escalation of the ongoing conflict and further aggravate an already dire humanitarian situation in the country.

The ICGLR is particularly concerned about the negative impact of such attacks on humanitarian operations, civilian mobility, and regional stability. It is deplorable that these attacks come at a time witnessing increased voluntary return of displaced Sudanese citizens to the capital Khartoum after the efforts done by the Sudanese Government to rehabilitate the city. Khartoum International Airport, although not fully functional, remains a critical facility for the movement of humanitarian personnel and assistance to populations affected by the conflict. Any disruption of airport operations risks further limiting access to life-saving aid for millions of Sudanese civilians in urgent need of protection and assistance.

The ICGLR further notes with concern that these escalatory actions undermine ongoing regional and international efforts aimed at achieving a political settlement of the conflict.

The ICGLR reiterates its full support to the efforts exerted by the Government of Sudan to achieve peace and stability in the country and calls for the resolution of the conflict through constructive dialogue and coordinated regional and international efforts towards a sustainable political settlement that preserves the unity, sovereignty, and stability of Sudan and the region. The ICGLR stands ready to contribute to efforts toward a peaceful, negotiated settlement alongside the African Union, the United Nations, and other relevant stakeholders.

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