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East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project

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**Item 2: Enhanced interactive dialogue on the High Commissioner's
report on the Sudan**

Oral statement

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Madam High Commissioner,

In your [report](#), you highlighted, among other violations, unlawful killings, security forces intentionally running over protesters with their vehicles, arbitrary detentions, acts of torture, sexual violence, attacks on medical staff, and restrictions to civic freedoms—committed with complete impunity.

We thank Mr. Dieng for his tireless efforts.

As the *de facto* military authorities are consolidating their power and violations continue, including against peaceful protesters and in Darfur and other conflict areas, the Council should ensure that Sudan-focused debates continue to be held.

Mr. President,

A group of over 50 NGOs are [urging](#) states to support the adoption of a resolution that ensures continued attention to Sudan through enhanced interactive dialogues.

We stress that as per resolution S-32/1, adopted by consensus with the support of the African Group, the designated Expert's mandate will be ongoing "until the restoration of [Sudan's] civilian-led Government."

We also stress that the resolution called upon the High Commissioner and the designated Expert to continue to bring information to the attention of the Council "and to advise on the further steps that may be needed if the situation continues to deteriorate."

Lastly, we reiterate that the African Union should not endorse Sudan's candidacy for a second term as a Council member. This would be a mockery of the 26 October 2021 [Communiqué](#) of its Peace and Security Council.

Thank you.