



## United Nations Human Rights Council

### 32nd special session of the Human Rights Council on the implications of the ongoing situation in the Sudan

#### Oral Statement

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Madam President,

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute thanks the human rights council for convening this special session reflecting the global alarm over the Coup in Sudan, which we condemn in the strongest terms. The military coup represents a complete breakdown in the rule of law and duplicity to the constitutional document that initiated Sudan's path towards democracy two years ago.

These events over the last two weeks draw strong parallels with the 2019 crackdown by the Al-Bashir regime, including arbitrary arrests, the killing of peaceful protestors and the use of internet shutdowns. These are not only human rights violations but also serves to delegitimize the military's commitment to a peaceful civilian democratic transition, further evidenced by the releasing of former ministers and the suspension of articles of the Constitutional document, including the suspension of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June massacre investigative commission.

Sudan's effective return to its democratic path and ability to curb further depositions cannot be meaningfully achieved without accountability being met for this coup.

#### **We urge the military council to:**

- **Reverse the coup, peacefully transition power to civilian authorities, and hold accountability for those responsible for the coup,**
- **Immediately and unconditionally release** all ministers and protestors arrested in relation to the coup,
- **Immediately restore internet and network services,** and
- **Restore the suspended articles of the constitutional document**

We further call on the Human Rights Council to establish a **fact-finding mission to monitor, verify and report on the situation in Sudan to prevent further the deterioration of the fragile democratic transition.**

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