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Thank you,

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) welcomes the High Commissioner's report on the situation in Sudan, and we strongly condemn the military coup that took place on 25 October and the continuing deteriorating human rights situation.

We are alarmed by the transition's derailment to a civilian-led democracy by military authorities ahead of next year's elections, indicated by the arresting of the former Sudanese prime minister, the unilateral suspension of articles of the binding constitutional document, the reintegration of Al Bashir loyalists into the caretaker government, and the suspension of accountability mechanisms, including the Khartoum massacre investigative committee.

We are further alarmed by the blanket immunity provided to security forces following its ongoing campaign to stifle protests, resulting in the killing of over 100 peaceful protestors, reported rapes of women and girls by security forces, and the targeting of human rights defenders, journalists and doctors through lethal force, arbitrary detention and other such violations.

We condemn the pattern of mass arbitrary arrests of protestors, activists, such as Amira Osman, and resistance committee leaders following the coup, as well as systematic violations of fair trial and due process rights, including a lack of access to lawyers and to be heard before a judicial authority.

The IBAHRI calls on the Human Rights Council to continue supporting the Sudanese people's push to a civilian-led democracy, ensure accountability for the arbitrary killing of peaceful protestors, and calling for the lifting of blanket immunity provided to members of the military forces and intelligence services.

Thank you.

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