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Mr. President,

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) welcomes the High Commissioner's oral update on the situation in Sudan and is highly concerned about the continuation of human rights violations since the October 2021 military coup.

This includes the killing of at least 125 protestors and nearly 6,000 injured, arbitrary arrests without judicial or prosecutorial oversight, enforced disappearances and sexual and gender-based violence committed by security forces against protestors and those suspected of being involved in protests. The IBAHRI is further alarmed by the side-lining of protestors' demands in the run up to the June 2023 presidential election, which may lead to further deterioration of the human rights situation and the usurpation of the democratic transition.

The IBAHRI is deeply concerned at the absence of meaningful domestic steps toward accountability for abuses committed against protestors since the coup, or for prior abuses including the June 3rd, Khartoum massacre, and international crimes committed in Darfur, Blue Nile, and South Kordofan. The IBAHRI is further alarmed by reports of serious assaults and harassment against investigative commission members, used to intimidate and deter their work, as well as attacks against lawyers of the Sudanese Bar Association in late 2022.

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 including by calling on authorities to lift blanket immunity provided to security forces, and by ensuring capacity and resources for the designated Expert on Human Rights in Sudan.

Thank you.

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