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Written statement* submitted by the Sudan Council of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA), a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement on the gross human rights violations in Egypt

The whole world is highly anguished about horrific latest developments which took place in Egypt due to military coup resulted in toppling the legitimate and democratically elected institutions.

The majority of the Egyptian people remained escalating the peaceful protest against the military coup.

As results of the military coup at least 6,000 people fell dead, tens of thousands of civilians wounded and more than 10000 were taken to the prisons as political detainees. The authority of the military coup banned and prohibited freedom of expression, opposing media and shut down a number of satellite channels and newspapers. The Egyptians affiliated with the Islamic movement put in large numbers in prisons by fabricated illegal justifications to rationalize the unlawful detention in blatant defiance of the principles of International humanitarian and human rights conventions.

The gross violations of human rights happening in Egypt now and massacres tantamount to genocide require urgent intervention of the international community to stop the bleeding, which shed daily on the soil of Egypt in various locations i.e. Rabiaa Aladawiya, Elnahda Square, Ramses, Alexandria and other cities and villages all over of Egypt.

The Sudanese civil society organizations in virtue of being highly concerned about human rights status and promotion of human dignity cannot remain silent about the serious horrific events taking place in the neighboring Egypt, therefore (SCOVA) condemns motion coup carried out by some of the Egyptian army officers. In this context, Sudanese civil society organizations require the following actions and decisions to be taken immediately:

1. Call on the UN Security Council to issue an immediate decision requiring Egyptian military coup Authority to stop the on-going massacres and all detainees should be relapsed.
2. Formation of an international commission of inquiry by the Security Council to investigate the gross human rights violations that occurred and bring the perpetrators committed the crimes against humanity and genocide to the competent International courts.
3. Islamic and Arab countries represented in the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to issue resolutions condemning what is happening in Egypt of egregious violations of the Egyptian Human Rights and the suspension of Egypt's membership in the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, similar to the courageous and historic position taken by the African Union?
4. Stop all aid that go to the current government in Egypt from member states, considering such aid as direct support and encouragement and participation of Egyptian Government crimes.
5. International community represented in the United Nations, regional associations, international organizations, human rights organizations and legal entities and all components of the global civil society to exert pressure on the Egyptian authorities to restore the rule of democracy in Egypt and the recovery of the constitutional institutions democratically elected through elections which was considered by the International community as an integral and credible election.

- 6. Encourage the Human Rights Council to appoint a special rapporteur for monitoring the deteriorating human rights situation in Egypt specially in the post military coup.
 - 7. Appeal to civil society organizations and activists in the areas of human rights throughout the free world to condemn the abuses and redress for victims of crimes against humanity in Egypt.
 - 8. Call upon the International Human Rights Council, to undertake an international investigation and bring the perpetrators of this heinous practice before the international justice as well as the adoption of the principle of humanitarian intervention to save and protect the people of Egypt.
 - 9. Call upon the Sudanese government and all Sudanese parties to take courageous stand against what is happening in Egypt by condemning the massacres and denounce the human rights violations in Egypt and to express it loudly as the lack of conviction means tacit approval to these crimes.
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