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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

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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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Political Crisis in the Sudan and Human Rights Situation

The United Nations human rights charter has refrained states from interfering with the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights of their people, The states have committed to international cooperation and assistance to promote human rights and to create a social and international order through which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be realized

All States are bound to respect International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR),

Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Volker Perthes regrets Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok's decision to step down. SRSB Perthes respects the Prime Minister's decision and commends the accomplishments made under Dr. Hamdok's leadership, as well as the significant achievements he made during the first phase of the transitional period.

SRSB Perthes remains concerned by the ongoing political crisis following the military coup of 25 October, which risks further derailing progress made since the December revolution. The SRSB is deeply concerned by the number of civilians killed and injured in the context of the ongoing protests. He urges the security forces to abide by their obligations under international law and strictly uphold the rights of protestors to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Perpetrators of violence must be brought to justice.

The aspirations of the Sudanese people for a democratic path and completing the peace process should be the cornerstone of all efforts to solve the current crisis. The lack of trust among Sudanese actors needs to be overcome through meaningful and inclusive dialogue. UNITAMS stands ready to facilitate such a process.

International Muslim Women's Union demands the council to ensure the principles of legality and the right to liberty and security. Anyone arrested & detained should be presented in court. The continued detention of political prisoners in many countries has no access to justice.

Many political prisoners in the Sudan are in jails. They remain detained even when the Court releases them. The Govt should allow monitoring of all political prisoners in jails and provide facilities to them. Govt should free all revenues.

Authorities in the Sudan must immediately halt unnecessary and disproportionate use of force against protesters.

Protests especially use of force on women. We also urge the Govt to release political prisoners who are unlawfully detained in jails. The government of the Sudan should stop arresting women human rights defenders' protesters and families of political prisoners.

It is time to end the violence and enter into a constructive process. This process will be inclusive. All key civilian and military stakeholders, including armed movements, political parties, civil society, women's groups, and resistance committees will be invited to participate in the UN-facilitated political process. Women played a central role in the revolution and the transition. Their full, meaningful and equal participation going forward will be critical. UNITAMS counts on the full cooperation and engagement of all Sudanese stakeholders to contribute to its success.

International Muslim Women's Union urges the Sudan Govt to stop restrictions on peaceful assembly of people and urges United Nations to remain committed to supporting the realization of the aspirations of Sudanese people for freedom, peace, and justice.
