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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RAISES US\$ 2 BILLION TO AVERT SUDAN'S HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND URGES WARRING PARTIES TO CEASE HOSTILITIES

Paris, April 16, 2024

The international community has mobilized US\$2 billion to support humanitarian efforts in Sudan where civil war has killed thousands and displaced millions of people.

The pledges, including one million dollars from **President William Ruto on behalf of the Republic of Kenya**, were made during the **International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and the Neighbouring Countries**, where Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs represented Kenya

Dr. Mudavadi championed Kenya's commitment to a peaceful resolution of the Sudan conflict and supported the international community's call for sanctions on parties fueling the conflict for their own vested interests.

"Kenya insists on immediate ceasefire as well as the opening of all borders and cross lines to enable rapid delivery of the much-needed humanitarian aid to the Sudanese people," said a Communiqué issued from the conference.

France, Germany and the European Union convened the gathering of foreign ministers, representatives of State, international and regional organizations, and civil society. It focused on finding solutions for sustainable peace in Sudan.

The participants expressed their grave concern about the worsening conflict and violation of human rights in Sudan and the impact of the crisis on the neighbouring countries.

In a declaration of principles, the delegates commended the African Union (AU), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the neighbouring countries, including Kenya, for their relentless efforts for peace in Sudan.

They reiterated the call to the warring parties to cease hostilities and abide by the commitment from the Jeddah talks, co-facilitated by the AU and IGAD in May 2023, to protect Sudanese civilians from the conflict.

The meeting also urged foreign actors to stop providing armed or material support to the warring parties or engage in action that could heighten tensions and fuel the conflict.

It also recognized the urgent need for coordinated international mediation efforts and commitment to Sudan's democratic process. The United Nations was urged to use its offices for "consistent and unified diplomatic engagement" from all key actors within a "coherent mediation and pressure strategy and an inclusive consultative forum."

The Sudan crisis erupted in April 2023 following a violent power struggle between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Millions of Sudanese people are internally displaced or have become refugees in the neighboring countries.

Please find attached the **JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ** and **DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES** from the Paris Conference

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On the occasion of the “International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and the Neighbouring Countries”

(15th April 2024, Paris, France)

H.E. Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH, The Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs represented the Government of Kenya at the International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and its neighbours held in Paris, France on the 15th of April 2024. The conference was convened by the Government of France, the Government of Germany, and The European Union to raise funds for the immediate humanitarian crisis in Sudan.

The conference addressed by President Emmanuel Macron aimed at mobilizing the International Community, African States, and Regional Organizations to focus on the peaceful resolutions that will foster sustainable peace in Sudan. Equally, António Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General, virtually addressed the meeting reiterating the objectives of the conference.

Subsequently, the conference raised approximately two (2) Billion US dollars to alleviate the humanitarian crisis of the Sudanese people. H.E. President William Ruto being the champion of peace in Africa, pledged one million US dollars in solidarity with the people of Sudan.

These pledges were based on the objectives of the conference which were to ;

- Provide an overview of the mediation and peacemaking initiatives dedicated to the resolution of the Sudanese conflict
- Discuss coordination mechanisms to strengthen the existing peace initiatives.
- Adopt a declaration of principles to reaffirm the unwavering commitment of the participants to support a peaceful resolution of the Sudanese conflict.

Kenya reiterates the international community’s call for sanctions on parties fueling the conflict ridden by vested interests. Kenya insists on immediate cease-fire as well as the opening of all borders and cross lines to enable rapid delivery of the much needed humanitarian aid to the Sudanese people.

Kenya's position is a one united coordinated initiative building on the Jeddah platform as the best way forward. This position adopted by the conference was guided by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2724 (2024) that appointed the Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Sudan to use his good office for a unified diplomatic engagement that incorporates all key actors notably The African Union (AU), The European Union (EU), The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Sudanese civil societies to establish a coherent mediation strategy.

The conference provided Kenya with an opportunity to portray and project its commitment as the anchor state and the champion of Africa for a peaceful resolution of conflicts. Kenya remains committed to supporting the democratic aspiration of the Sudanese people.

Done in Paris on 16th April 2024.

**MINISTERIAL MEETING
FOR ADVANCING THE SUDAN PEACE INITIATIVES**

Paris, 15 April 2024

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

On the occasion of the “International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and the Neighbouring Countries”

(15 April 2024, Paris, France)

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the States and international and regional organizations assembled in Paris, France, in order to advance the peace initiatives for Sudan [1], reaffirm our unwavering commitment to supporting a peaceful resolution of the Sudanese conflict while respecting the aspirations of the Sudanese people and the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Sudan.

We commend the initiatives of the co-facilitators of the Jeddah talks, of the African Union and IGAD and of the neighbouring countries for their relentless efforts for peace in Sudan.

However, deeply concerned by the tragic consequences of the worsening conflict imposed on the Sudanese people and on the neighbouring countries by the warring parties, and alarmed by the warring parties’ failure to implement commitments agreed to in Jeddah, we, one year after the outbreak of the hostilities, declare the following:

1. We express great concern over the violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in Sudan. We urge the warring parties to respect their commitments and to abide by their obligations under the rules of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.
2. We call on the warring parties and all actors to facilitate unhindered access to civilian populations in need of humanitarian aid in a manner consistent with previous commitments and international obligations.
3. We urge the warring parties to immediately cease hostilities and to abide by their commitments made in the previous rounds of the Jeddah talks and, in particular their obligations under the May 11, 2023, Jeddah Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan.
4. We urge all foreign actors to cease providing armed support or materiel to the warring parties and to refrain from undertaking any action which would heighten tensions and fuel the conflict.
5. We call on all regional and international actors to fully support a consolidated Sudan peace initiative, building from the Jeddah platform, the African Union and IGAD-led initiative and the mechanism of the neighbouring countries, and we agree to continue and enhance ongoing coordination.
6. We call for urgent coordination of international mediation efforts, based on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2724 (2024) and the communique of the 1185th meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council (2023). The United Nations Secretary-General’s Personal Envoy for Sudan should use his good offices for consistent and unified diplomatic engagement from all key actors within a coherent mediation and pressure strategy and an inclusive consultative forum.

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7. We are committed to assist the civilian population in Sudan, to address the gap in humanitarian funding, to obtain tangible progress from the warring parties with regard to humanitarian access, both cross-line and cross-border, to support the neighbouring States in the provision of services and delivery of humanitarian aid to Sudanese nationals and all people fleeing war atrocities.

8. We remain committed to support the democratic aspirations of the Sudanese people and a representative and inclusive Sudanese-led and owned process which leads to the restoration of civilian rule./.

[1] List of States and international and regional organizations who have supported this declaration: [*African Union, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, European Union, Ethiopia, France, Germany, IGAD, League of Arab States, Libya, Kenya, Norway, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Nations, United States, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan*].