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AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ON
SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN**

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Madam President,

I thank Ms. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, for presenting the twenty-second report to the Council pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 1593 outlining the judicial and prosecutorial activities of the Court.

2. We note that there has been a considerable decrease in the number of clashes between Government forces, militia and armed movements in Darfur. We are nevertheless concerned that the security situation might in fact worsen, especially with the onset of the dry season. We are also concerned that civilians and IDPs (internally displaced persons) continue to be adversely affected due to the security situation on the ground.

3. Inter-communal clashes, largely due to competition over resources, have continued to impact and displace the civilian population. These confrontations and the ensuing human cost – deaths, injuries and displacement– have negatively impacted the overall security situation in Darfur. We are of the view that there is an urgent need for the Government of Sudan to identify and effectively address the root causes of the inter-communal conflict in Darfur. We are concerned that an escalation of these inter-communal clashes may further destabilise the Darfur region.

4. The security situation in Darfur has also been made more challenging by the proliferation of small and light weapons in the area. We further recall the Secretary-General's report that criminality remains a major concern in Darfur. We are, in this regard, encouraged at the report that emergency security measures have been introduced by the Governor of South Darfur in an attempt to improve the security situation in South Darfur.

5. We are concerned at the impact that the insecurity in Darfur has had on the safety of UNAMID and humanitarian personnel. We unequivocally condemn such attacks against UNAMID that had resulted in the deaths of peacekeepers and a national staff member. We call on the Government of Sudan to conduct an investigation into those attacks and to bring those responsible to justice.

6. The humanitarian situation in Darfur, as a result of the continued security situation, remains a concern for us. The conflict has resulted in an increase of more than 430,000 displaced persons since the beginning of the year, in addition to the more than 2 million long-term IDPs in Darfur. We call on the parties to immediately cease all attacks on the civilian population. We wish to remind all parties to the conflict to abide by their obligations under international human rights and international humanitarian law.

7. We urge the parties to the conflict, in this regard, to remain guided by the Doha Declaration for Peace in Darfur (DDPD) framework and to continue their constructive engagement. We remain convinced that there is no military solution to the conflict in Darfur.

Madam President,

8. Malaysia is of the view that efforts by the Government of Sudan to demonstrate its compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions and its commitment to hold accountable those responsible for violations of international human rights and

international humanitarian law would contribute positively towards building trust and confidence.

Thank you.

