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Joint Statement by H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and H.E. Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) on the conflict in the Republic of the Sudan.

"We, Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary of IGAD, and H.E. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary-General of the OACPS, having held a meeting at the OACPS Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium on 28 June 2023 issue this united call for the restoration of peace, security and stability in the Republic of the Sudan.

The protracted conflict in Sudan has inflicted immeasurable suffering on its people, leading to the loss of countless lives and an alarming number of displaced individuals.

We acknowledge the gravity of this humanitarian crisis, with its deep-reaching implications not only for Sudan, but also for the stability and security of the African continent.

As Heads of our respective Organisations, we call on our members, where possible, to engage with all the relevant parties and employ every resource at their disposal to end this devastating conflict.

We are dedicated to working jointly to promote dialogue, mediation and negotiations, encouraging all factions to lay down their arms and embrace a peaceful resolution.

Further, we recall and commend the roadmap for peace in Sudan outlined during the 14th Ordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government held on 12th June 2023 in Djibouti, and underline the need for continued and coordinated efforts of the, African Union, United Nations, regional partners, and the international community to bring an end to the conflict, the loss of innocent lives, and injury to so many.

We call upon all nations, regional and international organisations to support efforts to restore peace, security and stability in the Republic of the Sudan, which will contribute to a more peaceful, prosperous and united African continent."

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