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**Statement at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the  
situation in Sudan  
5 November 2021**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you Madam President,

Liechtenstein has co-sponsored the request for this Special Session.

We strongly condemn the ousting of the transitional civilian government, the imposition of a nation-wide state of emergency and the unlawful detention of political leaders, other officials and members of civil society in Sudan on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The use of violence against peaceful protesters has even resulted in the killings of civilians. We call upon the military forces to immediately cease all violence and prevent further bloodshed, and to immediately release all political detainees.

We express our support to the Sudanese people who are now suffering a serious setback in their painful struggle for democracy, peace, freedom and prosperity.

We are also deeply concerned by reports about internet shutdowns and the corresponding infringements of the rights to freedom of expression, of peaceful assembly and association.

We urge the military authorities to refrain from any steps undermining the country's democratic transition, to engage in a national political dialogue, refrain from the use of violence and to respect human rights, as requested by the UN Security Council. Furthermore, we welcome the promise made by the Sudanese Government in August this year to hand over prosecuted officials to the *International Criminal Court*, including former President Omar al-Bashir, in order to meet charges of crimes against humanity and war crimes.

We call upon the Human Rights Council to appoint a Special Rapporteur to keep the Council informed about the human rights situation in Sudan and to submit recommendations on how it can adequately address the situation.

It is our joint obligation to stand in solidarity with the Sudanese people, to insist on their full enjoyment of human rights, and to ensure accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

I thank you, Madam President.