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Statement on the Situation in the Sudan

The Organisation of African Union Unity (OATUU) has been following with great concern the tragic situation that Sudan has been experiencing for more than a week and its repercussions on the Sudanese people and workers who desire peace and a dignified life of freedom, security, and democracy.

While we expect the situation to improve, we are horrified at the current state of events including the outbreak of bloody battles between the army and the Rapid Support Forces, which has left many dead, wounded, and fleeing for their lives. The prolongation of this deeply regrettable situation will undoubtedly complicate the lives of the Sudanese people as threats escalate and their security, stability and unity are compromised.

Within the framework of solidarity with the workers and people of the Sudan, the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity calls on all parties involved in the conflict to cease fighting and to use the language of dialogue and peace to pursue national unity and the supreme interest of Sudan above all other consideration. A special appeal is made to the General Federation of Trade Unions of the Sudan (SWTUF), as an important social actor and to all Sudanese workers, to remain vigilant and mobilize by continuing to work and serve in production units in all sectors and institutions and providing basic and essential services for sustained life and activity throughout the country. We call upon them to stand unified in peace, dialogue and the interest of the nation and all its institutions, especially sovereign ones, in order not to permit those who threaten the unity, people and wealth of the Sudan succeed in their quest.

The interest and future of Sudanese workers are intrinsically linked to the fate and prospects of their homeland. In the face of this difficult circumstance, it is the national and trade union duty to support all endeavours aimed at dialogue and peace, which are the fundamental basis for restoring the well-being of Sudan and achieving the objectives of its people's revolution of dignity, freedom, democracy, economic and social development within the values of social justice and the protection of the fundamental rights of workers.

The Organisation of African Trade Union Unity calls upon Arab, African, and international institutions to pursue and initiate, within the framework of Sudan's sovereignty, the persuasion of the parties involved in the conflict to halt the fighting, initiate an inclusive national dialogue, invoke the will of the people and return to constitutional legitimacy.

To enable the Sudanese Workers Trade Union Federation (SWTUF) as a structured, regional, continental, and international social force to perform its trade union and national functions, we call upon the Sudanese authorities to lift all obstacles and restrictions, and to protect the security of trade unionists and workers in the performance of their duties and activities, as well as all civilians.

The Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) renews its active solidarity with the SWTUF and all workers and the people of Sudan. We trust in their will and ability to overcome this plight and restore the status of their precious homeland at all levels.

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