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Under the theme: "My Legacy, My Future: Empowering Girl * "Today For Building Tomorrow

(The girl I am, the change I lead)

Today, 11 October 2025, girls and the entire globe are celebrating the International Day of the Girl Child, for girls are the guarantors of the future if protected. Today, we in the National Council for Child Welfare General Secretariat (NCCWGS) celebrate the anniversary of the International Day of the Girl Child, pronounced by the United Nations' Resolution No. 170/66/2011, to be on the 11th of October, every year, to recognize the rights of girls and the unique challenges facing them to be addressed and confronted to promote, protect and maintain their full uncompromised rights, besides strengthening the paths of education, health and nutrition for them, while putting an end to all social practices harmful to girls psychologically, physically and socially and even getting rid of all types of heinous violations presently committed by the rebel Rapid Support Militia and ,supporters, including human trafficking, enslavement

exploitation, violence, and discrimination, which hamper their present and futuristic participation and significant interactive contribution. Today, we in the National Council for Child Welfare General Secretariat (NCCWGS), congratulate all our active national mechanisms and the regional and international partners working for child protection and welfare in the Sudan and advocating for full child rights including protection, welfare

and development under a plausible broad theme ("My Legacy, "My Future: Empowering Girl Today For Building Tomorrow

(The girl I am, the change I lead), which comes while our country is going through exceptional and stifling circumstance in which our young ladies/girls have been suffering for almost three years and are still suffering from devastating, brutal, atrocious, barbaric and deadly violations perpetrated against them by the rebel Rapid Support Militia. Whilst history is recording these endless atrocities, the National Council for Child Welfare General Secretariat (NCCWGS) is concurrently working with its partners through a specialized methodology to treat all types of violence and continue to enforce Article (141B) of Sudan Penal Code1991 Amendment 2020, raise social awareness and develop purposeful developmental media for a safe and stable childhood for girls to enjoy their full rights and complete protection under the National Law, the Child Act 2010, plus the National Judicial Bulletins and the Sudanese Armed Forces Act 2007, in addition to the National Plan for Ending Underage Marriages of Child-Girls passed by the Transitional Council of Ministers' Resolution No. 193/2023, followed by the Resolution of the National Plan for Ending the Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting (FGM) practices and the Ministrial Resolution No. 92/2024 passing the National Strategy for Child Protection, Welfare and Development, which emphasizes the protection of children in general and girls in particular by preserving their rights, legally and socially.

Our country, the Sudan, is currently going through economic and security challenges with dire ramifications on daily life and countless obstacles facing comprehensive social protection. However, the NCCW General Secretariat, its protection mechanisms, national and international partners, and the Department of Family and Child Protection and the Human Rights Department of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) are defying the odds and tirelessly working to implement families support programs and projects as families are safe havens for girls.

Furthermore, the rebel militias' brutal behaviors and harsh violations of girls' rights, including violence, exploitation, trafficking and neglect in the areas they invaded and the areas

they are still holding. They have and still are commiting all inhumane acts and violations against girls, who are the victims of these barbaric atrocities, which were observed by the African Union (AU), the Arab States League, and the United Nations (UN). Therefore, the National Council for Child Welfare, its mechanisms, and partners/NCCWGS, hereby confirm, despite the war and the exceptional circumstances in the Sudan, affirm commitment to continue work and exert efforts with the protection partners, and even double these efforts to confront all challenges, obstacles, and difficulties to protect the rights of children in general, and girls in particular, through ongoing coordination and cooperation with the human rights advocates in general, and the advocates of the children's rights in particular, along with the national and international partners concerned with children's rights, to achieve and strengthen frameworks for social justice and .comprehensive protection for our children

Our country, the Sudan vows national and social legal commitment and also commitment to the regional and international conventions, charters, treaties, and agreements it has signed to uphold the spirit of girls status and protection, now and in the future, through the integration of roles, coordination, and dialogue to augment the official decisions of governmental mechanisms and the international and national civil society organizations (CSOs) and stoke the legal frameworks at the national, regional and international levels to actualize a futuristic vision for the protection of girls and supports the path of social justice and protects girls from all .causes of violence and heinous violations

We, together, say let us support a vision for a better future for girls, working hand-in-hand with our child protection partners for the protection of our girls in safe, secure, and stable heavens in our beloved country, the Sudan, defended by its Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) with partners to protect the land, the honor and the comprehensive integrated social .justice

Best Regards
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