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National Council for Child Welfare / General Secretariat Press Release for the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Harmful Social Practices Female Genital Mutilation ((FGM/C)February 2026

* Press Release on the Celebration of the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM/C) – February 2026

The 6th of February is an international day adopted by the United Nations under Resolution No. 67/145 in December 2002. It is dedicated to zero tolerance regarding Female Genital Mutilation ((FGM/C), a practice that violates the rights of girls. This harmful social practice is a form of human rights violation and oppression, putting millions of girls worldwide at risk of mutilation within the context of social backwardness, ignorance, and obsolete cultures.

The celebration of this day is an important occasion for review and evaluation this year. It serves to monitor progress in legislation and protection laws in our country, as well as to review the efforts of international partners—UNICEF, UNFPA, the World Health Organization (WHO), and national civil society organizations—in social awareness and promoting a culture of ending violence against girls. FGM/C is considered an indicator of social backwardness and oppression that harms the health of girls, who are the mothers of the future.

This year—February 6, 2026—we celebrate under the international theme: "Towards 2030: Sustainable Commitment and Investment as a Condition for Ending Female Genital Mutilation". Our national theme is: "Let

This involves activating the role of technical committees for social norms, granting them more powers, and ensuring sustainable resources and logistical capabilities. This will enable them to fully perform their roles within local communities by activating community early warning committees in coordination with legal enforcement units to enhance comprehensive prevention.

This year, we celebrate the launch of the media campaign to introduce and promote Article (141) of the 1991 Penal Code (2020 Amendment). This amendment coincides with the ending and criminalization of this inhumane phenomenon and the raising of criminal penalties to the highest degree, as agreed upon by social and legal experts. This article specifically criminalizes Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting.

The campaign includes various media materials such as drama and the application of informal social control indicators through developmental media. These materials include fine arts paintings, a musical torch, and radio and television dramas focusing on Article (141) and its provisions.

It is important to note the grave and horrific violations committed by the rebel Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militia and its associates since April 15, 2023, to date against our children. These actions have violated their rights and damaged their humanity and psyche, affecting the entire child community in our country.

Our country's commitment to the rights and well-being of children at the national, regional, and international levels continues to grow day by day.

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the Sustainable Development Goals and our values be the reference for protecting our children."

The world is witnessing numerous economic, social, and climatic challenges, along with conflict issues that negatively impact progress in the childhood sector. Children represent the human capital that must be invested in by raising education and health standards and activating comprehensive protection mechanisms during this exceptional and suffocating situation in our country.

Amid open dialogue and a complex political and social reality, we must utilize all options available with national and international partners to gain time in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The aim is to create a better reality for our children and achieve integrated social progress. This requires the synergy of all local, official, popular, national, and international efforts to bring childhood in our country to a state of safety and stability. Solving education and health issues is a top priority through official protection mechanisms and national civil society organizations, followed by enacting deterrent national legislation and laws for child rights violators by updating protective laws through official legal jurisdiction. This ensures their rights in national legislation and international commitment to treaties and conventions.

Efforts to eliminate FGM/C require more organized action across all states of our country. There is a need for tight coordination of efforts and learning from the regional experiences of friendly countries to eliminate this social practice that is harmful to our girls' health and future.

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We aim to reach our goal of a safe and stable society that strengthens the protection of its children.

The General Secretariat of the Council calls upon the Sudanese local community to continue the campaign to end and criminalize the practice of FGM/C in our beloved country. Furthermore, it calls for an end to all grave violations they have suffered during the current exceptional circumstances. Together, let us protect our children in general and our girls in particular, as they are the mothers of the future.

Peace and blessings of Allah be upon you

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