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Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein has been among the delegations that have supported the request for this Special Session since we are concerned about the outbreak of hostilities on 15 April 2023 and its subsequent escalation of violence. In particular, we are concerned about reports of serious violations of international humanitarian law, including the numerous reports of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence, attacks against humanitarian personnel and civilians, and looting and destruction of civilian or humanitarian property.

The outbreak of hostilities has led to a significant rise of people in need of humanitarian assistance and hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the violence, putting an additional strain on the region. It has also severely impacted the enjoyment of human rights, including the right to life, to food, and to health.

We urge the parties to the conflict to lay down their weapons and to immediately return the country to its civilian-led government.

It is our joint obligation to ensure accountability for violations of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law and to support the Sudanese people in their plight for sustainable peace, democracy, and the full enjoyment of their human rights.

I thank you, Mister President.