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Statement by Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, on the situation in Sudan

(21 December 2023) The United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, reiterated her gravest concern at the intensification of violence in Sudan since 15 December, specifically near and in Wad Madani, Gezira, as well as in El Fasher, North Darfur and Nyala, South Darfur. The Special Adviser is alarmed that the intensification of clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) includes very serious allegations of ethnically motivated violence as well as deliberate attacks against medical personnel and facilities, all of which could constitute international crimes.

Violence in Sudan is not ending. On the contrary, it is intensifying. Particularly in Wad Madani, clashes over

The Special Adviser strongly reiterated her call upon all parties to the conflict to lay down their arms and cease their targeting of civilians immediately. All parties to the conflict have international obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law. Moreover, they themselves have committed to protect civilian lives,