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Humanitarian situation in Sudan, in particular the death of children trapped by fighting

European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2023 on the humanitarian situation in Sudan, in particular the death of children trapped by fighting (2023/2736(RSP))

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The European Parliament,

— having regard to its previous resolutions on Sudan,

— having regard to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols,

— having regard to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child,

— having regard to the Geneva Convention,

— having regard to Rules 144(5) and 132(4) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas the Sudanese military and the Rapid Support Force continue to pursue a violent power struggle, violating international humanitarian law;

B. whereas the ensuing violence has killed thousands of innocent civilians, displaced more than 1,2 million and forced nearly 500 000 to flee to neighbouring countries, threatening stability in the region;

C. whereas only limited humanitarian access to parts of Khartoum has been allowed; whereas the conflict has continued in other parts of the country, in particular Darfur;

D. whereas humanitarian workers are unable to deliver supplies to civilians affected by the conflict; whereas medical facilities have been attacked, with many remaining closed;

E. whereas more than 13,6 million children in Sudan urgently need humanitarian assistance; whereas before the current crisis, around 3 million children suffered from malnutrition; whereas 70 children have died of malnourishment, dehydration and infections at Mygoma orphanage in Khartoum;

1. Strongly condemns the continuing violence between the rival armed factions in Sudan; deplores their disregard for agreed humanitarian ceasefires, attacks on humanitarian workers and infrastructure, the deliberate targeting of civilians and the recruitment and involvement of children in the conflict; condemns the use of sexual violence and calls for the necessary support to survivors and for the perpetrators to be brought to justice;

2. Calls on all sides to immediately cease all military action, allow unrestricted humanitarian access and return to talks on a negotiated peace agreement; fully supports all regional and international efforts for a peaceful solution; welcomes all regional and international mediation efforts in Jeddah and Addis Ababa and by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development;

3. Calls for the EU and its Member States to ensure that a permanent ceasefire agreement is followed by a process of democratic reform to establish the long-promised civilian government, to which all actors, including the militaries, have committed; calls for them to urgently consider targeted sanctions against those responsible for human rights abuses through the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

4. Reminds all factions of their obligations under international law; calls, in this regard, for the urgent establishment of humanitarian corridors and for basic public services to be fully restored;

5. Calls for the EU and its Member States to stand ready to provide immediate support and humanitarian assistance to those impacted by the conflict, including internally displaced persons and those seeking refuge in other countries, including by providing emergency travel documentation;

6. Expresses its deep gratitude to humanitarian personnel for their important work and condemns any attacks on them;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Government of Sudan, the Sudanese Rapid Support Forces, the African Union, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Pan-African Parliament.