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**Subject: Response to the Letter from the Special Procedures Mandate Holders  
Dear Esteemed Chair-Rapporteurs and Special Rapporteurs,**

Please allow me to express my gratitude for your correspondence. I appreciate the diligence with which you address the complex issues surrounding the war in Sudan. Your role as special mandate holders plays a crucial part in facilitating communication and understanding in these difficult times.

Acknowledging the concerns and queries raised in your letter, I would like to offer a comprehensive response to ensure clarity on our position and actions. We recognize the gravity of the situation and, indeed, the importance of collaboration to address the multifaceted challenges presented by this war.

The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) shares your deep concern regarding the egregious violations that are taking place in this conflict. We recognize your concerns about the immense challenges in Sudan and the allegations leveled at the RSF. We approach these issues sincerely, with the utmost seriousness and determination, even in the face of the ongoing airstrikes targeting our personnel and innocent civilians.

Ranking high among the assistance that we so desperately require from the UN and other international organizations is guidance as to how to best treat and support the victims of sexual assault in hospitals.

The RSF remains steadfastly committed to protecting the people of Sudan and continues to actively seek guidance from UN agencies. As an illustration, to support areas under our protection in the city of Nyala, we have reached out to the UN and requested its assistance for school-feeding programs and the reopening of hospitals. Our outreach stands as a clear testament to our unwavering dedication to addressing this complex crisis with resolve and addressing all allegations arising in this brutal war. We pay tribute to our fallen patriotic colleagues, who strove to restore democracy, the rule of law, and peace in the areas under our protection, enduring intense airstrikes that led to significant casualties.

The RSF has established a now operational internal investigative committee – named the Commander Fudail Investigative Committee – that is tasked with scrutinizing all criminal activities that take place in areas under our protection. Despite the disturbingly hostile environment today, characterized by targeted assaults and relentless airstrikes committed by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and its extremist allies from the former regime, we have created this special task force to conduct thorough investigations. So far, it has produced significant results, leading to the apprehension of perpetrators engaged in the most nefarious crimes and the return of looted goods to their owners. However, the unremitting aerial bombardments have, at times, slowed down, or even halted this committee's work.



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Our commitment to international humanitarian and human rights law and the well-being of our fellow Sudanese citizens – and, particularly, the vulnerable groups among them – remains unwavering. Amid the continuous SAF airstrikes, however, I must acknowledge that adhering to the 60-day timeframe has proven very problematic, despite our discussions with the UN and our earlier declared commitments.

(I am including an attachment to this document, detailing the casualties resulting from these airstrikes.)

Expressing our readiness for constructive talks, we seek your insight on mechanisms for cooperation to help conduct more effectively these investigations. To underscore our commitment to international humanitarian and human rights law, we can highlight numerous instances, including two in which we endeavored to deliver child soldiers who had been forcibly, violently mobilized by the SAF. However, these efforts were cut short as the SAF began bombing the International Committee of the Red Cross.

In addition to the ongoing indiscriminate airstrikes conducted by the SAF, we face challenges posed by myriad renegade forces masquerading in RSF uniforms, who are not under our control and commit atrocities. This is a critical issue that we are working to confront. Nevertheless, we consistently issue explicit directives to all the troops under our command, emphasizing the need to combat all forms of violence against civilians, including sexual offenses, with the strongest commitment to accountability.

Recognizing the progress made in our efforts to alleviate suffering while combating the unjust forces that today seek to ascend to power in Sudan, some of our notable achievements on the ground include distributing own or facilitating the distribution of donor aid, reopening hospitals to treat civilians and injured military personnel, and continuing our search for specialized expertise to tackle these issues.

In the attached document, you will find a comprehensive presentation of our efforts in these areas:

- Providing medical supplies
- Rehabilitating hospitals
- Delivering humanitarian and food aid
- Empowering vulnerable populations: RSF commitment to women and children
- Restoring vital facilities
- Upholding peace, stability, and civilian aid
- Gaining endorsement of various communities for the RSF
- Initiating the release of POWs
- Apprehending criminals



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I would like to reiterate once more our commitment to combating all forms of violence against civilians, including sexual offenses. However, we firmly question and express our sincerest concern regarding the impartiality of the reporting mechanism. This mechanism consistently implicates the RSF alone and fails to address the gross violations committed by the SAF in coordination with the extremist former regime, which poses a dire threat to the stability of Sudan and the entire region.

We acknowledge your role as special rapporteurs and remain open to collaboration to address the complexities of this crisis. It is crucial for you to know that we operate under extreme conditions, as we contend with the former regime that foments internecine strife and engages in criminal activities.

We appreciate your understanding and sincerely apologize for not responding within the agreed-upon timeframe. We hope that this letter sheds light on the reasons for the delay. Despite the grave challenges presented by this war, we remain committed to open dialogue and eagerly anticipate your guidance as we persist in working to alleviate the tremendous hardship faced by the Sudanese people.

Sincerely

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