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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and has the honour to inform them that on 5 May 2023 at 5:20 p.m., the President of the Human Rights Council received a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland containing a request, submitted jointly with the United States of America, Norway and Germany, to convene a special session of the Council on the human rights impact of the ongoing conflict in the Sudan.

In order for a special session to be convened, in conformity with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the support of one-third of the membership of the Council (16 members or more) is required. According to the above-mentioned letter, the request was supported by the following 19 States Members of the Council: **Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Paraguay, Romania, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.** The request was also supported by the following 33 observer States: Albania, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay.

The thirty-sixth special session will be held on **Thursday, 11 May 2023, at 10 a.m.**

Pursuant to paragraph 124 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the President shall hold an open-ended informative consultation before the special session on its conduct and organization on **Wednesday, 10 May 2023, at 3 p.m.**

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

5 May 2023