**32nd Special Session of the UN Human Rights Council on the human rights implications of the ongoing situation in the Sudan**

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Statement by the Czech Republic

Madam President,

The Czech Republic is deeply concerned by the recent developments in Sudan. We strongly condemn the military coup on 25 October and the detention of government officials including Prime Minister Hamdok. We urge the Sudanese Military to enable the return of the Transitional Government so that the country could continue in its democratic transition in accordance with the 2019 Constitutional Declaration of Sudan and the terms of the Juba Peace Agreement of 2020. All those arbitrarily detained must be immediately released without preconditions.

The Transitional Government undertook several positive initiatives in the past couple of years, including by cooperating with the Human Rights Council, focusing on election preparations and ratifying several international human rights treaties. We need to ensure that these positive steps do not go in vain. Implementation of the recently ratified instruments should be guaranteed. Preparation of elections scheduled for July 2023 should continue.

The Czech Republic therefore supports the draft resolution on the human rights situation in Sudan and calls for its full implementation.

Thank you.