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### **Letter dated 5 May 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

On behalf of the delegations listed below (see annex), I request that the Human Rights Council hold a special session next week to address the human rights impact of the ongoing conflict in the Sudan.

A special session is needed because of the urgency of the situation of human rights in the Sudan as a result of ongoing hostilities across the country since 15 April 2023.

We make the present request to hold a special session on an urgent basis, in accordance with the relevant procedural rules, including paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, paragraphs 119 to 128 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and rules 5 and 6 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

Please share the present request with the Human Rights Council secretariat and convene the Bureau at your earliest convenience in order that the necessary arrangements and notifications may be made. The present letter is submitted as a joint request by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Norway and Germany, as confirmed by the notes verbales submitted.

*(Signed)*

**Simon Manley**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland



## **Annex**

### **States members and observer States of the Human Rights Council requesting the convening of a special session**

#### **Member States**

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

#### **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

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