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Urgent Debate on the human rights situation in and around El Obeid, North Kordofan

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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein is gravely concerned by the escalating violence and rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in and around El Obeid. 18 months of siege-like conditions, reports of a significant build-up of Rapid Support Forces and allied forces, intensified drone strikes and artillery shelling point to an imminent risk of further mass atrocities against civilians.

The horrors documented in El Fasher and Zamzam IDP camp must not be repeated in El Obeid. Civilians are facing grave risks, including summary executions, abductions, arbitrary detention, sexual and gender-based violence, ethnically motivated violence, or the use of starvation as a weapon of war.

International humanitarian and human rights law is not optional. Liechtenstein calls on all parties to immediately halt attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, allow safe, rapid and unhindered humanitarian access, and ensure safe passage for those seeking protection.

We further reiterate our grave concern about external interference sustaining this conflict. The supply of weapons and equipment, financing, and private military contractors, prolongs the suffering of the Sudanese people and violates the Security Council's arms embargo. This must stop. The states providing such support bear direct responsibility for its consequences.

This Council must act with urgency to prevent further atrocities, strengthen accountability, support the work of the FFM, and underscore the potential role of the International Criminal Court in ending impunity.

I thank you, Mister President.