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Strengthening Young Women's Engagement in Sudan's Peace Processes: From Consultations to Meaningful Participation in Peace Negotiations

The Environment and Rural Women's Development Organization (ERD), through the **Amplifying Young Women's Voices in Sudan's Peace Processes and Post-Conflict Future (AYWV-Sudan)** initiative, welcomes the constructive engagement with the **Office of the UN Secretary-General's Personal Envoy for Sudan,** within the broader diplomatic efforts of the Quintet mechanism to advance peace in Sudan.

This engagement took place alongside our ongoing roundtable discussions under the project **"Strengthening Young Women's Participation in Peace Negotiations and Political Processes in Sudan,"** bringing together young Sudanese women from civil society organizations and civic initiatives to discuss their priorities, perspectives, and concrete pathways toward meaningful participation in Sudan's peace and political processes.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Office of the UN Personal Envoy for Sudan for its openness to dialogue, recognition of grassroots perspectives, and efforts to engage Sudanese civil society, particularly young women whose voices have historically remained underrepresented in formal peace processes.

We also recognize the determination, leadership, and contributions of the young Sudanese women participating in these consultations. Despite the challenges of war, displacement, political polarization, and shrinking civic space, they continue to demonstrate their commitment to an inclusive, civilian-led, and sustainable peace in Sudan.

Our aspiration is that this engagement with the Quintet will extend far beyond bilateral meetings and develop into a structured, sustained, and meaningful consultation process. Such a process should enable the priorities and recommendations emerging from young women's regional consultations, civil society roundtables, and community-level engagement to directly inform Sudan's peace negotiations, political arrangements, and discussions shaping the country's post-conflict future.

We believe that meaningful inclusion requires more than representation at consultation meetings. It requires clear mechanisms through which young women, particularly those from rural, conflict-affected, and historically

marginalized communities, can influence decisions, contribute to negotiation agendas, and participate in shaping Sudan's future.

ERD and AYWV-Sudan reaffirm their commitment to strengthening the connection between grassroots women peacebuilders and regional and international diplomatic processes. We remain ready to work constructively with the Office of the UN Personal Envoy, the Quintet, and other relevant stakeholders to translate these engagements into concrete opportunities for inclusive participation.

Sudan's peace cannot be sustainable if the young women are most affected by the war remain outside the processes determining their future.

We look forward to continued collaboration and to seeing these initial engagements evolve into meaningful, institutionalized pathways that enable young Sudanese women to directly influence peace negotiations and shape the future of Sudan, **rather than remaining limited to bilateral meetings, occasional consultations, or engagement at the margins of the peace process.** Young women must be recognized as essential actors whose perspectives, priorities, and recommendations should inform the substance, direction, and outcomes of Sudan's peace negotiations.

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