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Youth Parliament - Sudan

Executive Summary: Youth-Youth Dialogue, November 2024

Brief Summary: Youth Parliament - Sudan has called for a Youth-Youth Dialogue to exchange information and perspectives, aiming to pave the way for stabilizing life and achieving a just peace, through public discussions that involve youth thought and opinion leaders from diverse military and political orientations and backgrounds. The Parliament sent a call for vision to all political, civil, military, and social groups to share their vision, including the political and technical alignments of the desired Sudanese dialogue. This effort resulted in the development of a comprehensive roadmap.

Current Context: For over one year and a half, Sudan has witnessed escalating military operations and political conflicts, severely disrupting livelihoods of most Sudanese (everyone lost), escalating humanitarian and economic costs to unprecedented levels in modern history, accompanied with acute fracturing of the social fabric. Entrenched positions and mutual antagonism exacerbate the crisis, highlighting the urgent need for dialogue.

Importance of Dialogue: The geopolitical context of Sudan makes a decisive military victory improbable for any side. Negotiations present an opportunity to build an inclusive state, minimizing the risk of external political agendas failing to grasp state and community's complexities. Without dialogue, the crisis risks will prolong, leading to graver consequences.

Youth Legitimacy: Amid limited options, Sudanese youth have demonstrated exceptional resilience in exchanging information and visions navigating challenges that disrupted the country's political and economic transition, which the youth has responded to its scourges with merit, saving lives. Youth entitlement gained through their role in December revolution, and from bearing the burdens and consequences of war have qualified them to play this pivotal role in initiating and leading this dialogue.

Key Challenges:

- ❖ **Citizenship and Internal/External Challenges:** Citizenship rights remain unresolved challenge that is subjected to political, and military tensions since the establishment of the modern state in 1956, due to its close connection to the concept of the state, the ruling regime, and the geopolitical situation with which it interacts negatively. There are political, ethnic, and civil groups, etc., that have sacred descriptions of the extent of obligations and privileges for every citizen. According to classifications (political - ethnic - religious - geographical... etc.) related to the interests of those groups and their internal alliances as well as regional and international.
- ❖ **National and International Dialogue Initiatives:** Before and after the outbreak of the current war, a number of local and international initiatives, including regional ones, acted to shift the context to the interest of one of the military or political parties, and sometimes in the direction of the humanitarian agenda. Some of them achieved a temporary or limited impact compared to the scale of the crisis. After a year and a half had passed, a major group of these initiatives have been invested, in one way or another, in the logic of the military and political operations.
- ❖ **Scope and topics of the desired dialogue:** The absence of a cohesive national vision consistent with the geopolitical situation of Sudan has led to the growth of tactical projects linked to the interests of isolated internal groups or with the recommendation and support of external axes, where there is romanticism that is not responsive to international power dynamics or identification that contradicts the priorities and longings of the Sudanese.

The psychological distance between the political actors was and continues to be a feature of most previous dialogues. Rather, it has become a permanent feature of civil and military interactions and operations.
- ❖ **Ownership And Parties of The Dialogue:** Sudan has a long history with dialogues owned by the military and political elite, as they constitute the parties to those understandings and civilian and factional groups are included, etc., as an inauthentic partner in the essence of political declarations or peace agreements.

Opportunities:

- ❖ **Sudanese Aspirations:** A collective desire for a sustainable state-society contract that ends suffering and fosters inclusive economic and political prosperity.
- ❖ **Recent Understandings:** Agreements between military and political factions provide a foundation for pursuing just peace and restoring normalcy for Sudan.
- ❖ **International Concern:** The global community fears internal and regional escalation of the conflict, coupled with rising humanitarian costs, and diminishing opportunities to achieve the objectives related to the war and its parties.

Roadmap:

- ❖ **Completing the Youth-Youth Dialogue:** Engage young technocrats to mobilize local and international efforts to support the roadmap, including post-crisis planning.
- ❖ **Solidarity Conference:** Bring together opinion and thought leaders with friends of Sudan to develop a plan for the next day, which enhances humanitarian response efforts and initiates the reconstruction process, etc.
- ❖ **Sudanese-Sudanese Dialogue:** Bring together military and organized forces to initiate an emergency phase with temporary constitutional arrangements.
- ❖ **Grassroots Dialogue:** Involve community leaders with the parties of the Sudanese-Sudanese dialogue to develop a permanent constitution for the country, form a transitional authority and legislative council, and determine the form and timings of the electoral process.
- ❖ **Policy Conference:** Convene policymakers, academics, and experts to align national policies with post-conflict reconstruction needs.

Call to Action: The youth-youth dialogue, initiated by the Youth Parliament - Sudan, attracted significant participation from youth thought and opinion leaders, as well as a number of political, military, civil organizations, etc. Public, non-binding discussions and the official disclosure of positions made the resulting roadmap owned by the community, and summarizes the points that must be built upon to reach a just peace that peacefully restores normal life.

Importance of Collaboration: The Youth-Youth Dialogue stands as a beacon of hope amid ongoing war and political stagnation, especially the continuation of

the logic of military operations and political competition as a fait accompli. The executive summary emphasizes the need for collaboration among all stakeholders, domestic and international, to achieve the dialogue's objectives and implement the roadmap.

About the Parliament:

Youth Parliament - Sudan, launched in August 2024, is a national body formed as a response to the challenges faced by youth and the entire society. It currently comprises 80+ influential youth entities committed to leveraging the transformative power of Sudanese youth and advocating for sectoral and national entitlements.

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