**U.S. Statement on Sudan**

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­Sudan’s people want democracy and have lost faith in the transition after the military takeover. To reestablish trust, Sudanese stakeholders will need to agree upon a civilian-led transitional process to democracy that can make progress towards the public’s demands for freedom, peace, and justice.

We recommend Sudan:

1. Restore immediately a civilian-led transition to democracy with UN facilitation; lift the state of emergency; and ensure the protection of peaceful protesters.
2. Build legislative, judicial, and electoral bodies; and announce dates for the Sovereign Council chair handover and for elections.
3. Implement the Juba Peace Agreement, carry out security sector reform, and conduct free and fair elections.

It is imperative the international community steadfastly support the democratic aspirations of the Sudanese people as the only means to forge a stable Sudan.