



Oral Statement

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Mr. President,

The World Evangelical Alliance thanks the High Commissioner and the Human Rights Council for continuing to focus on the urgent human rights situation in Sudan.

We remain in regular contact with our national evangelical alliance in Sudan, which reports that the situation has worsened since July, with intensified fighting in Kordofan and a sharp rise in drone attacks affecting civilians, hospitals, markets, and other vital infrastructure. The humanitarian crisis continues to deepen, with growing displacement, severe hunger, and major barriers preventing humanitarian aid from reaching affected communities.

Churches are providing assistance to the most vulnerable members of their communities regardless of their religious background.

Christians and other marginalized communities in some areas are particularly affected by the conflict. Christians have increasingly come under pressure from armed actors, including reports of the killing and detention of church leaders in the Nuba Mountains.

More broadly, the continued rule by force is weakening the rule of law. When armed power becomes the means through which disputes and political or religious differences are dealt with, the institutions of justice and the protection of civilians become increasingly fragile.

We join the Council in calling for an immediate ceasefire, full respect for international humanitarian law, and an increase in humanitarian assistance.

Thank you.