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**Statement by Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, on the situation in El Fasher, North Darfur**

**(5 June 2024)** – The United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, strongly reiterates her alarm over the intensification of violence in El Fasher, North Darfur, following her meeting on 3 June with the UN Secretary-General’s Personal Envoy for Sudan, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra. “In my briefing to the UN Security Council on 21 May, I raised alarm over the risks of large-scale violence in El Fasher, where civilians were already being disproportionately affected by indiscriminate attacks. Only a few

restore the already fragile social fabric in the region will risk yet another major setback. We cannot and must not let this happen,” she implored.

“While only warring parties can stop the fighting, the international community also remains responsible to take action to protect the Sudanese people from existing and increasing risk factors of genocide and related crimes. I reiterate my call to the international community, including the UN Security Council, the African Union, and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, as well as the League of Arab States, to take all possible act