

Ending the conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Brussels on 24-25 October 2025:

Notes that:

- the brutal conflict in Sudan is a disaster for innocent Sudanese civilians;
- Sudan faces a humanitarian crisis: 30 million Sudanese urgently need assistance; over 14 million have been displaced; 7 million are facing acute food insecurity; and there has been horrific sexual violence against women and mass killings;
- the outcome of the London Summit, held on 15 April, which included a welcome joint commitment of a further £813 million of funding for Sudan and its neighbours in 2025- though which represents only a drop in the ocean compared with the scale of the humanitarian catastrophe;
- a UK-sponsored motion at the UN Security Council (UNSC) in November 2024 to bring about a ceasefire was shamefully vetoed by Russia;
- the alleged role of external actors in supplying arms to the warring parties, including Russia, China, Iran, Turkey, Serbia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE);
- the illicit trade of Sudan's gold in funding the war, enriching foreign actors;
- the Biden Administration's declaration that the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have committed genocide in Darfur, and its implementation of sanctions against the Sudanese Government for alleged chemical weapons use;
- the grievous impact which USAID cuts will have on Sudan's humanitarian situation;
- in the absence of a political settlement, the instability in Sudan will only contribute to higher levels of migration, creating additional pressures on European countries;
- the conflict has received limited coverage in international media or scant focus in European parliaments.

Believes that:

- European countries - notably the UK as penholder at UNSC on Sudan - and the EU have a central role to play to ensure that civilians are protected and that this conflict comes to an end;
- the ability to make a difference has been undermined by decisions to reduce international development budgets;
- in the face of competing claims to sovereignty, it is vital not to bestow legitimacy on the warring parties, and a division of Sudan would be a disaster for civilians and should not be entertained as a prospect;
- the continuing flow of arms into Sudan will only perpetuate the conflict;
- this conflict has been largely ignored across Europe and it is up to our ALDE liberal family to ensure that Sudan becomes a diplomatic priority for the EU and our national governments.

Calls for the EU and European countries to:

- Advance all diplomatic efforts, especially by the UK as penholder at the UNSC, to secure a ceasefire and an agreement on safe zones for civilians;
- Lead action to set up a Sudan-wide arms embargo to prevent the supply of weapons to the conflict by

other countries;

- Redouble efforts to create a multilateral Contact Group for the crisis;
- Build consensus amongst international partners to resist attempts to confer legitimacy on the warring parties, and to ensure that those responsible for perpetrating war crimes in the conflict face justice;
- Affirm that the future governance of Sudan must be under civilian leadership;
- Raise the public profile of the conflict, including making representations to the Disasters Emergency Committee to start a Europe-wide appeal;
- Work with partners to strengthen due diligence in the global gold trade to crack down on smuggling;
- Alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Sudan by:
 - properly funding the UN Appeal and the regional refugee response;
 - restoring international aid budgets and using them to fund the response to the crisis;
 - providing targeted support for Sudanese children who have been disproportionately impacted and continue to be denied education, health and safety.