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### **Sovereign Council and Prime Minister take the oath in Sudan**

On 21st August 2019, Sudan has launched a new era in its political history, paving the road towards democratic transformation. A Sovereign Council, comprising of 6 civilian and 5 military members, took the oath to govern the country for a 39 months' transitional period. Two of the Council's civilian members are female. The Council will be chaired by Lieutenant-General Abdelfattah Abdelrahman Al-Burhan for the first 21 months, and by one of its civilian members for the remaining 18 months. The transitional period will be followed by general elections in 2022. The formation of the Sovereign Council is the outcome of the negotiated civilian-military power sharing deal signed on 17th August 2019 between the former Transitional Military Council (TMC) and the Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC).

Following the inauguration of the Sovereign Council, Dr Abdalla Hamdok took oath of office as transitional Prime Minister. His appointment, together with the composition of the Sovereign Council, has transformed Sudan into a civilian-led country. Dr Hamdok has been selected by the FFC, in line with the stipulations of the 17th August Agreement. He is supposed to form his Cabinet by the end of August 2019. This Cabinet will represent the executive body of the agreed-upon transitional institutions. The Agreement also stipulates that a Transitional Legislative Council to oversee the Cabinet is to be established within 90 days. These developments come after 8 months of the eruption of massive popular peaceful revolution, which ousted former President Omer Al-Bashir from power on 11th April 2019. Youths and women have notably contributed in bringing-about this revolution to success.

The formation of these institutions has paved the road towards the country's civilian governance. In turn, these steps are expected to positively reflect on realizing peace, economic recovery and foreign relations improvement.

The Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan in Berlin is looking forward to closely work with Poland and its different institutions to further promote and strengthen all bilateral ties for the maximum mutual interests of the peoples of the two countries.

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