



# TRANSCRIPCIÓN

**INTERVENCIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DE GOBIERNO, PEDRO SÁNCHEZ, EN LA CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL DE APOYO A LA TRANSICIÓN EN SUDÁN**

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Sudanese women and men have affirmed, peacefully but also heroically, their determination to build a new Sudan after decades of conflict and isolation. Spain is committed to supporting them, and this is why we are here today.

I am convinced that the experience of our own democratic transition can be helpful in this respect. And one thing that we learnt beyond the shadow of a doubt is that, for the process to be successful, it must continue to be peaceful.

It has been almost a year since the International Partners Conference of Berlin, and the Sudanese transition has made tremendous progress, for which I want to congratulate President Burhan and Prime Minister Hamdok and, of course, the Sudanese people.

The challenges that remain are very significant. We need to make sure that the people begin to perceive rewards for the sacrifices that they have made. Aid is certainly part of the answer, and Spain will continue to make her contribution in this respect, including in the process to clear Sudan's arrears with the international financial institutions.

Spain strongly supports the swift implementation of the HIPC Initiative in Sudan. We commend the progress achieved by the Government and the IMF with the reform program, and we reaffirm our readiness to write off all our bilateral debt held against Sudan once the country reaches the completion point of the HIPC initiative.

We are resuming our bilateral cooperation program with Sudan, which will be considered a priority country in our upcoming programming cycle. Starting this year, we will work with other partners to strengthen the capacity of the transitional Government to undertake these vital institutional and economic reforms.

While bilateral aid and debt relief are crucial, a key game-changer will be the activation of private sector involvement. More trade and investment can help materialize the full potential of the Sudanese economy. We are looking at very promising sectors such as water, renewable energies and agriculture. The establishment of normal banking relationships is another priority. We are encouraging our companies to explore these and other possibilities.

With the conducive business environment that is beginning to emerge, thanks to the reforms undertaken by the Government, we are sure that the goal of a prosperous and democratic Sudan can and will be achieved. The Sudanese people certainly deserve it. A united, democratic and peaceful Sudan will be a cornerstone of regional



stability and a key partner for the international community. You can count on Spain to walk by your side in this journey.

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