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Standing Resilient: The Journey of Sudan Civil Aviation from Conflict to Recovery

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I. Introduction and Acknowledgments

Mr. President of the ICAO Council, Mr. Secretary General, Esteemed Directors General and Distinguished Delegates.

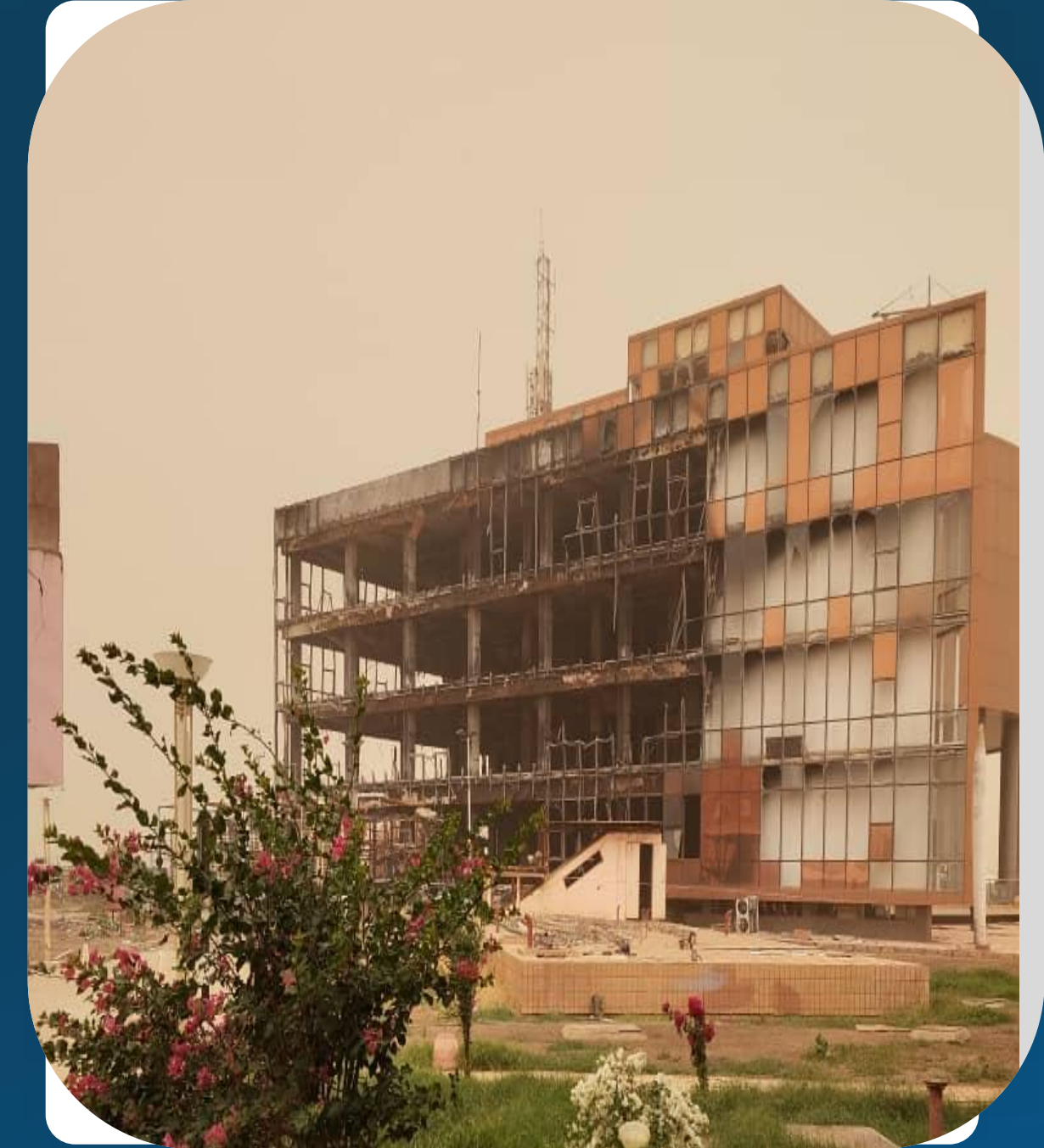
It is a profound honor to address this assembly today on behalf of the Sudan Civil Aviation Authority. I stand before you not just to report on numbers and regulations, but to share a testament to resilience, determination, and the unyielding spirit of survival in global aviation.

At the outset, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and our regional partners for standing by Sudan during one of the most challenging chapters in our nation's history. Your commitment to the principle of "*No Country Left Behind*" has been our anchor.

Protecting Sovereign Airspace amid Conflict

As this room is well aware, the sudden outbreak of armed conflict led by RSF militia in April 2023 deeply affected Sudan's civil infrastructure, including our primary aviation gateway, Khartoum International Airport (KRT). The destruction of the central air navigation facility and immediate security threats forced us into a painful but necessary decision: the total closure of Sudanese airspace to civilian traffic to guarantee absolute safety.

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The Crisis

During these dark times, the SCAA faced unprecedented operational hurdles:

- ❑ **Infrastructure Damage:** Severe impacts on communication towers, radar systems, and airport facilities.
- ❑ **Displacement of Talent:** The forced relocation of our highly skilled air traffic controllers, engineers, and administrative staff.
- ❑ **Economic Isolation:** The sudden halt of overflight revenues and standard commercial operations.



Yet, even at the height of the crisis, the SCAA did not cease to exist. Guided by ICAO's contingency principles, we immediately migrated our administrative and operational nuclei to the wartime capital of Port Sudan, ensuring that the regulatory authority over our sovereign skies remained intact, functional, and unbroken.



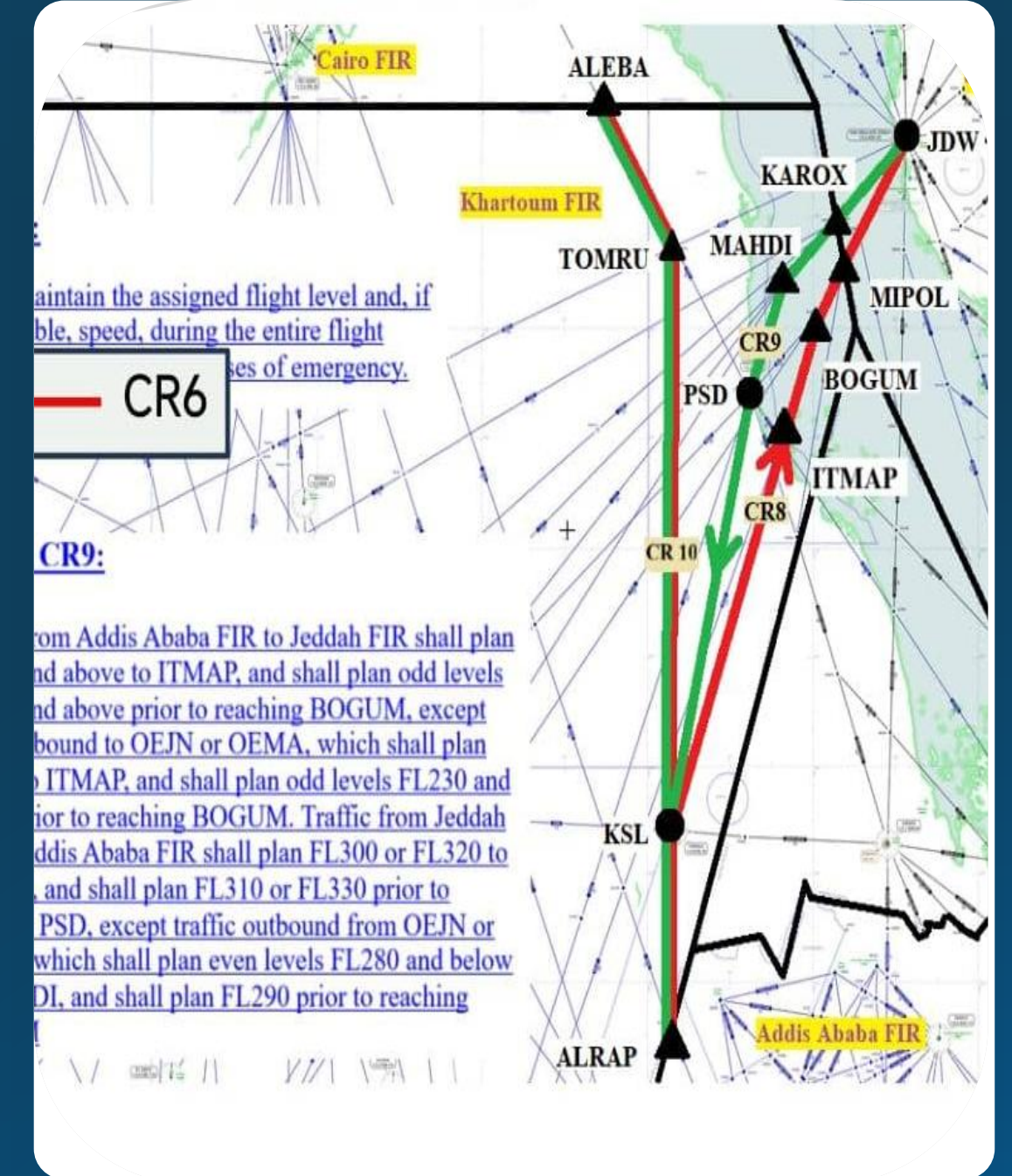
The Turning Point: Recent Milestones and Recovery Steps

Today, I am proud to report that the narrative of Sudan's aviation sector has fundamentally shifted from crisis management to active, structured recovery. Through strategic planning, heavy capital reinvestment, and the sheer bravery of our technical teams, we have achieved major milestones over the last several months:



1. Reopening of New International Air Routes (December 2025):

In full compliance with strict ICAO safety standards, the SCAA successfully opened two new primary air routes through Sudanese airspace. Supported by a formal Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM), this achievement marks a massive stride toward restoring full overflight connectivity between Europe, Asia, and East Africa.





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2. The Restoration of Khartoum International Airport (Early 2026):

Following key security gains and a massive inter-agency cleanup and rehabilitation effort, **commercial domestic flights have officially resumed** at Khartoum International Airport. Debris and damaged aircraft hulls were systematically cleared in strict alignment with global safety protocols, allowing carriers like Sudan Airways and Badr Airlines to re-establish vital national air bridges.



3. Port Sudan International Airport as a Global Hub:

Port Sudan (PZU) has been successfully upgraded to serve as our primary international gateway. It has flawlessly handled vital United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) and evacuation flights. Furthermore, major regional carriers—including Qatar Airways, Egypt Air—have recently conducted successful security and operational audits of the facility, paving the way for expanded international connectivity.



4. Airspace Sovereignty and Regional Collaboration:

We are actively working alongside our neighbors to manage safe air corridors. SCAA continues to engage constructively on regional airspace handovers and frameworks, ensuring that international standards dominate over geopolitical vulnerabilities.



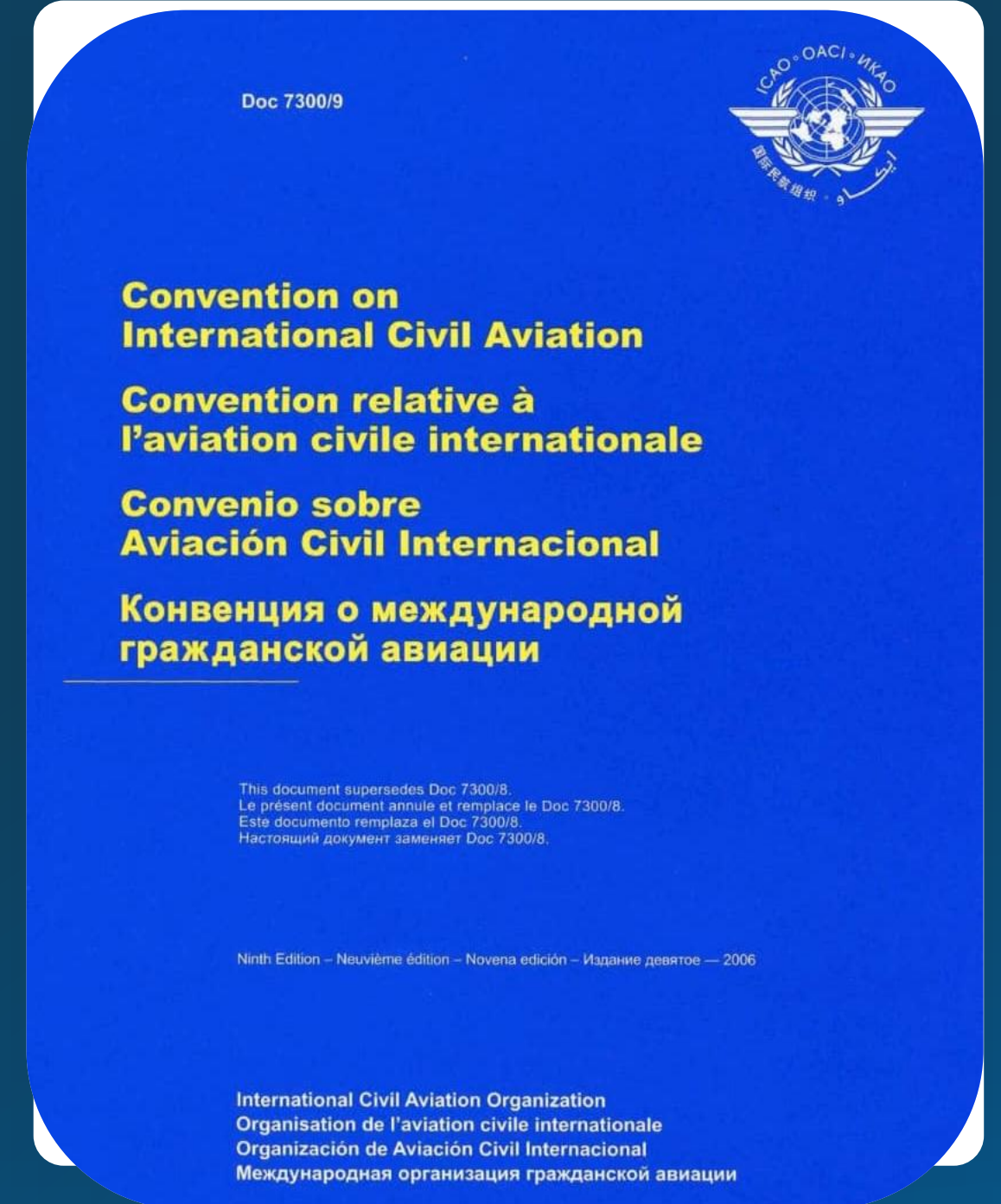


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A Call for Global Solidarity and Next Steps



Distinguished Colleagues,
Sudan has proved its commitment to the Chicago Convention under fire. We have kept our skies safe by coordinating contingency routing, and we are aggressively rebuilding what was damaged.
However, full restoration requires international solidarity. As we look toward the future, the Sudan Civil Aviation Authority calls upon ICAO and its Member States for:



❑ Technical Assistance: Support in upgrading our newly established air navigation centers with modern CNS/ATM equipment.

- ❑ **Capacity Building: Specialized training programs for our air traffic controllers and safety inspectors to match evolving post-conflict demands.**

❑ Aviation Re-integration: Encouraging global carriers to utilize our newly opened, safe air routes, proving that Sudan is once again open for business.



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Conclusion



The story of the Sudan Civil Aviation Authority is a reminder that aviation is an essential instrument of peace, unity, and economic rebirth.

Our skies are clearing, our runways are active, and our resolve is absolute.

We look forward to working hand-in-hand with every authority represented in this room to build a safer, more connected world.

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.



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Thank You