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**Declaration on Chad**

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The Council of the Socialist International, meeting at the United Nations, Geneva, on 1-2 July 2016, in pursuit of the defence and consolidation of democracy, supports the struggle for the defence of the rights and freedoms wherever they are threatened.

The Socialist International considers the current regime in Chad has not honoured its promises regarding the restoration of freedoms and democracy since it assumed power in 1990.

In view of the different findings and reports, national and international, the elections organised in Chad as from 1996 are reflected in the presidential election of 10 April 2016 which was neither democratic, free, just, equitable nor transparent, therefore creating a source of political and armed conflicts.

The SI Council:

Sincerely wishes for political stability in Chad, which is required not only for the sustainable development of the country but also for the preservation of peace in the sub-region that has been the victim of terrorism these past years.

Encourages the six opposition candidates at the presidential election on 10 April 2016 to continue their efforts for the consolidation of democracy and the defence of rights and freedoms, in a legal and peaceful way.

Firmly recommends that the government of Chad engage without delay in a national inclusive dialogue with political, social and political-military actors, in order to preserve the peace and stability in the country.

Finally, the Socialist International gives its support to the democratic opposition in Chad and, in particular, to the National Union Party for the Development and Renewal - UNDR, and its president, comrade Saleh Kebzabo, for the good results obtained on the occasion of the last presidential election in Chad.

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