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## **IGAD and Japan Unite for Peace and Stability in Sudan**

March 19, 2024 (Djibouti, Djibouti): The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Government of Japan have officially signed a \$500,000 grant agreement to support the ongoing peacebuilding and conflict resolution process in the Republic of Sudan. Sudan is currently in crisis due to a political conflict turned war, leading to internal displacement and refugees seeking safety in neighboring countries.

“The humanitarian situation in Sudan is deteriorating day by day. Japan demands all parties of this conflict a serious effort to end the hostility through reaching an effective ceasefire to end the crisis and the suffering of the innocents. We respect all local, regional, and international effort towards peace building, hoping Japan’s contribution will furnish momentum to advance such initiatives through the IGAD platform. We particularly believe in IGAD’s commitment to solving African issues within Africa as Japan is fully committed to supporting the agency and autonomy of the region as its sincere partner,” says Kentaro Mizuuchi, Chargé d’affaires of Japan to Sudan.

The collaboration between IGAD and Japan signifies a shared commitment to fostering stability and prosperity in Sudan and underscores the importance of international cooperation in addressing complex humanitarian challenges. IGAD remains committed to collaborating with Japan and other partners and stakeholders to collectively find a lasting solution to the conflict in Sudan.