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24/... Technical assistance for the Sudan in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Reaffirming the obligation of all States to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Emphasizing that States have the primary responsibility for the promotion and protection of all human rights,

Noting the developments taking place in the Sudan, and the record of the Government of the Sudan in the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting also the challenges still facing the Sudan in conflict-affected areas, and calling upon all parties to stop the abuses and violations of human rights, in particular in the States of Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 21/27 of 28 September 2012 and 18/16 of 29 September 2011,

1. *Takes note of the report of the Independent Expert submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fourth session;*¹

2. *Expresses its appreciation to the Independent Expert for his work and his recommendations;*

3. *Notes that the Independent Expert commended the continued cooperation and support provided by the Government of the Sudan in the implementation of his mandate, including giving him access to all parts of the country, and encourages continuation of that cooperation;*

4. *Notes with appreciation the submission by the Government of the Sudan of its mid-term report on the implementation of the accepted recommendations of the*

¹ A/HRC/24/31.

universal periodic review and the cooperation between the Government and the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the accepted universal periodic review recommendations that should be continued;

5. *Encourages* the Government of the Sudan to open an inclusive dialogue, pursue the constitutional and political process transparently and also to ensure an atmosphere of fair and peaceful political participation in the preparation for next elections;

6. *Takes note* of the adoption and launch by the Government of the Sudan of a national strategy for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, and the establishment of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission in Darfur;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work done by the National Human Rights Commission;

8. *Acknowledges* the steps taken by the Government of the Sudan to implement the recommendations accepted as highlighted by the Independent Expert in his report, and reminds all groups of their legal obligations and due diligence to protect human rights;

9. *Urges* the Government of the Sudan to rebuild a lasting climate of confidence and trust with civil society organizations and the international community, and to facilitate the promotion and protection of human rights in the country;

10. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Government of the Sudan to strengthen cooperation with the Government of South Sudan, as indicated in the outcome of the most recent summit between the Presidents of the two States;

11. *Urges* Member States, relevant United Nations agencies and other stakeholders to support the national efforts of the Government of the Sudan, in accordance with the present resolution, with a view to further improving the situation of human rights in the country, and to respond to its request for technical assistance;

12. *Urges* the Government of the Sudan, with the support of the relevant Member States, United Nations agencies and other stakeholders, to further its efforts for the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular to ensure freedom of association and peaceful assembly, including activities of civil society organizations, freedom of expression, including the press, freedom of religion, freedom from arbitrary arrests and detention, compliance by all parties with human rights and international humanitarian law, including with regard to the protection of civilians, timely and full access for humanitarian agencies, the rights of women and children and access to justice for all Sudanese, including in conflict affected areas, as recommended by the Independent Expert;

13. *Notes with concern* the humanitarian situation in the States of South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Darfur, and calls upon all parties to make every effort to immediately end violence and halt clashes, to facilitate access for humanitarian assistance, to take action to strengthen respect for the rule of law in the three States and to respect all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

14. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Sudan with the necessary technical support and training;

15. *Urges* the Government of the Sudan to continue its cooperation with the Independent Expert, including by giving him access to the entire country, in particular the States of Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile, in order, to assess and verify the situation of human rights, to determine the technical assistance needs and to report on his findings;

16. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan under agenda item 10 for a period of one year, requests the Independent Expert to continue his engagement with the Government of the Sudan,

considering a full range of information with a view to implementing the projects that will further help the Sudan to fulfil its human rights obligations, and to submit a report to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its twenty-seventh session;

17. *Requests* the Independent Expert to also assist the Government of the Sudan in its strategy to implement the remaining accepted universal periodic review recommendations;

18. *Decides* to consider this issue in accordance with its programme of work under agenda item 10.
