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Statements made by State under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

Country: Sudan (First Cycle, 2011)

Date of the statement: 19th HRC session - 16 March 2012

"We would like to provide you with a report on the follow-up of the recommendations received by Sudan within the UPR process and which Sudan has accepted.

We have taken serious and practical steps to implement the recommendations, which were fully or partially accepted by Sudan. We firmly believe in the importance of the UPR and Sudan is committed to getting results. We have given effect to 13 recommendations. We have set up the National Commission for Human Rights, the members of which have been appointed in accordance with the highest international standards and qualifications, which will allow the members to carry out their duties in order to uphold human rights in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Regarding the institutional and the legislative framework, the constitution contains provisions on the protection of human rights and the Minister of Justice has cooperated with UNDP to organize a dialogue on the concept of human rights. We have reviewed the legislation contained in the laws regarding human rights. We have also involved civil societies and all the states in order to discuss the future constitution. The Minister of Justice has also signed a memorandum of understanding with the UNDP on which 13 activities were implemented in all the states of Sudan with the involvement of all political parties and local and tribal leaderships as well as nongovernmental organizations and governmental institutions. Regarding the legal amendments, we have begun a dialogue on the laws that must be amended, we have consulted with civil society organizations, and the Human Rights Commission has also reviewed the need to amend the law on the freedom of the press.

In order to promote peace in Darfur, the state is taking steps in order to improve peace-building efforts. We have appointed a transitional authority in the state of Darfur, which began working in February and has allowed the restoration of peace and stability in the province. We have also appointed a public prosecutor in Darfur to look into all the crimes and violations that have been perpetrated during the crisis and to bring all those responsible to account.

Recommendations regarding childhood also have drawn our attention and many have been implemented including a plan of action to implement the law on children of 2010. Regarding impunity, combating impunity and strengthening the rule of law, training programs have been carried out to lawyers, judges, security forces and military forces and many initiatives have



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been taken with the cooperation of international agencies, including the UNDP. We have signed a memorandum of understanding with UNDP to implement these recommendations.

We have implemented all the recommendations and obligations by virtue of the decisions of this Council. We hope we will receive additional technical assistance in accordance with the Resolution 18/16. We will continue dialogue and we will shy away from confrontation in order to promote and uphold human rights in the Sudan."

. 20th HRC session - 29 June 2012

"Madame President, Sudan has developed a strategy for the implementation of the UPR recommendations, which include: ratifying international treaties, constitutional and legislative framework, including the new constitution; legal reform to the press and publication act, criminal law, personal law and others; human rights education to ensure that human rights violations are duly investigated; poverty alleviation and health rights; as well as children and women rights. The priority areas of that strategy are: law reform; administrative of justice and rule of law; women and children's rights; international obligations including all the overdue reports and maintaining good cooperation with international and regional mechanisms. Madame President, studies on some of the international treaties were made, law reform committee was established and constitution-making forum to discuss the recommendations of 13 states of the Sudan will take place on the 10th of July 2012 in Khartoum, with the support and financial contribution of UNDP. Madame President, the government of Sudan prepared a proposal for capacity-building projects - to improve administration of justice - to be implemented in some states of the Sudan, targeting prosecutors, lawyers, national security and police officers, as well as civil society activists. We are glad to announce that a project document will be signed shortly between the Ministry of Justice and UNDP in this concern."