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Agenda item 4

Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

15/27

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

The Human Rights Council,

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

Reaffirming the obligation of 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, including the prevention of human rights violations,

Recognizing the developments taking place in the Sudan, and the efforts of the Government of the Sudan in the promotion and protection of human rights,

Reaffirming Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/82 of 21 April 2005 and Council resolutions 6/34 and 6/35 of 14 December 2007, 7/16 of 27 March 2008, 9/17 of 24 September 2008 and 11/10 of 18 June 2009, as well as Council decision 14/117 of 10 June 2010, and calling upon the Government of the Sudan to continue to intensify its efforts to implement them,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and the addenda thereto, submitted to the Council at its fifteenth session;¹
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the independent expert for his work and the recommendations he has made relating to the improvement of the situation of human rights in the Sudan;
3. *Commends* the cooperation extended by the Government of the Sudan to the independent expert and to the United Nations and African Union missions in the Sudan in

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its fifteenth session (A/HRC/15/60), chap. I.

¹ A/HRC/14/41 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/HRC/15/CRP.1.

the field of human rights and international humanitarian law, and urges the Government to continue its cooperation;

4. *Urges* all parties to continue their efforts to implement the remaining obligations stipulated in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, encourages all parties to continue their ongoing efforts to achieve peace in Darfur, and urges non-participating parties to join the negotiations;

5. *Congratulates* the Government and the people of the Sudan for organizing and for widely participating in the April 2010 elections, which, despite logistical and organizational gaps, took place in a peaceful and orderly manner;

6. *Welcomes* the continued work of the Advisory Council for Human Rights in the Sudan and the establishment of the Southern Sudan Human Rights Commission, and calls for the nomination of the members of the National Human Rights Commission, as stipulated in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement;

7. *Welcomes also* the passing of the Southern Sudan Referendum Bill and the establishment of the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission, and calls upon all parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement to take urgent action to resolve key remaining post-referendum issues and facilitate peaceful, fair, timely and transparent referendums that reflect the will of the Southern Sudanese people, and to respect their results;

8. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to provide support and technical assistance to the Government of the Sudan and the Government of Southern Sudan in accordance with assessed needs;

9. *Recognizes* the work of the African Union and existing mechanisms, and calls for greater coordination and the elimination of duplication;

10. *Decides* to renew for a period of one year the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, who shall assume the mandate and responsibilities set out by the Council in its resolutions 6/34, 6/35, 7/16, 9/17 and 11/10, requests the independent expert to engage with the newly created human rights forums in the Sudan as well as the human rights sections of the African Union, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and to submit a report to the Council for consideration at its eighteenth session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all the assistance necessary to discharge the mandate fully.

*34th meeting
1 October 2010*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 25 to 18, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Maldives, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Zambia

Against:

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ghana, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal

Abstaining:

Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Thailand]