



## **Human Rights Council**

### **Resolution 7/16. 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 the International Covenants on Human Rights,

*Reaffirming* that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable international human rights instruments,

*Reaffirming also* Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/82 of 21 April 2005 and Council resolutions 6/34 and 6/35 of 14 December 2007,

*Bearing in mind* the report by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/62/354) and urging the implementation of the recommendations contained therein,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Rapporteur (A/HRC/7/22);
2. *Welcomes* the collaboration of the Government of the Sudan with the Special Rapporteur, including at ministerial level, and takes note with interest of its engagement with the international community on human rights issues;
3. *Urges* the Government of the Sudan to continue cooperating fully with the Special Rapporteur and to respond favourably to her requests to visit all parts of the Sudan and to provide her with all necessary information so as to enable her to fulfil her mandate even more effectively;

4. *Calls* on the Government of the Sudan to continue and intensify its efforts for the promotion and protection of human rights, by taking all possible concrete steps to improve the human rights situation;
5. *Acknowledges* the measures taken by the Government of the Sudan to address the human rights situation in the Sudan, but expresses its concern that, for various reasons, their implementation has not yet led to the desired positive impact on the ground;
6. *Expresses its deep concern* at the seriousness of the ongoing violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in some parts of Darfur, and reiterates its call to all parties to put an end to all acts of violence against civilians, with special focus on vulnerable groups including women, children and internally displaced persons, as well as human rights defenders and humanitarian workers;
7. *Stresses* the primary responsibility of the Government of the Sudan to protect all its citizens, including all vulnerable groups;
8. *Calls upon* the signatories of the Darfur Peace Agreement to comply with their obligations under the Agreement, acknowledges the measures already taken towards its implementation and calls upon non-signatory parties to participate and to commit themselves to the Darfur political process led by the African Union and the United Nations, in compliance with relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including paragraph 5 of Council resolution 4/8;
9. *Urges* the Government of the Sudan to continue and intensify its efforts to implement the recommendations identified by the Group of Experts, in accordance with the specified time frames and indicators;
10. *Encourages* the Government of the Sudan to accelerate the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights in the Sudan;
11. *Invites* relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to continue providing support and technical assistance to the Sudan for the implementation of the recommendations of the Group of Experts, and calls upon donors to continue

providing financial and technical assistance and required equipment for the improvement of human rights in the Sudan and to continue to provide support for the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement;

12. *Calls upon* the Government of the Sudan to accelerate the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and to establish the remaining commissions, in particular the finalization of the establishment of the national human rights commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles;

13. *Expresses particular concern* at the fact that perpetrators of past and ongoing serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in Darfur have not yet been held accountable for their crimes and urges the Government of the Sudan to address urgently this question, by thoroughly investigating all allegations of human rights and international humanitarian law violations, promptly bringing to justice the perpetrators of those violations;

14. *Decides* to review the situation of human rights in the Sudan at its session in September 2008.

*40th meeting*  
*27 March 2008*  
Adopted without a vote.