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Mr. President

My delegation would like to thank Mr. Heiner Bielefeld, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief for the presentation of his report A/HRC/25/58. Sudan aligns itself with the statements delivered by the OIC, African group and Arab group.

Mr. President

Sudan is a country that is characterized by diversity of races, cultures; the peaceful coexistence between the various components of the society reflects the great tolerance of its people. The article 38 of the Interim Constitution stipulates that “everyone has the right to freedom of religion, creed, and worship, and no one shall be coerced to convert his religion”

Mr. President

Religious tolerance in Sudan is a reality evidenced by the presence of Mosques and churches, educational and social religious institutions. The religious coexistence council was established as a voluntary independent body to strengthen harmonization between various religious groups, and also to promote and protect religious freedom.

Mr. President

My delegation shares the view of the special Rapporteur that School education should include fair information on religious and belief-related issues as part of the mandatory curriculum, we also believe in the importance of encouraging the National human rights institutions to take the Rabat Plan of Action as a reference document when planning their activities towards overcoming the root causes of collective religious hatred.

Finally we encourage all countries, organizations and actors in civil society to intensify their efforts to promote mutual understanding and expand the horizons of dialogue, and put an end to the indiscriminate targeting of religions and cultures and work on establishing a climate of tolerance and coexistence between different religions and peoples.

I thank you, Mr. President