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Human Rights Council

Eighteenth session

Agenda item 10

Technical assistance and capacity-building

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council

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Technical assistance to 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, 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,

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,

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 eighteenth session;
2. *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 field of human rights and international humanitarian law;
3. *Commends* the efforts exerted by the Government of the Sudan in completing the implementation process of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and appreciates the genuine role played by the Government of the Sudan in holding the historic referendum of the self-determination for South Sudan as scheduled on 9 January 2011; and urges all parties to continue their efforts to implement the remaining obligations stipulated in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement;

4. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Government of the Sudan for its immediate recognition of the State of South Sudan;
5. *Welcomes* the signing of Doha Document for Peace in Darfur, and urges non-signatory groups to join it without delay;
6. *Welcomes* the continued work of the Sudanese Advisory Council for Human Rights aimed at the promotion and protection of human rights in the country;
7. *Welcomes* the submission by the Government of the Sudan of its first UPR report, the adoption of its outcome, and the commitment made by the Government to implement the accepted recommendations, and notes that a number of those recommendations call for the provision of support and technical assistance to the Government of the Sudan;
8. *Notes with concern the serious humanitarian situation in South Kordofan and Blue Nile provinces, and calls upon all parties to make every effort to immediately end violence, halt clashes and to take action to strengthen the respect of the rule of law in these two provinces, and to respect all human rights and fundamental freedoms;*
9. *Requests* Member States, relevant United Nations agencies and stakeholders to support the national efforts of the Government of the Sudan with a view to further improving the human rights situation in the country, and to respond to its requests for technical assistance;
10. *Urges* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide Sudan with the necessary technical support and training.
11. *Decides* to renew for a period of one year the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan under Agenda item 10, requests the independent expert to engage with the Government of the Sudan with a view to identifying areas of assistance that will aid Sudan to fulfill its human rights obligations; and to submit a report to the Council for consideration at its twenty first session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all assistance necessary to fully discharge his mandate.
12. *Decides* to consider this issue in accordance with its Program of Work under Agenda item 10.