

Statement by **AZERBAIJAN**  
UPR of Sudan

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Sudan and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan commends the Government of Sudan for its active cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms, including special procedures, treaty bodies and the UPR. Azerbaijan highly appreciates the submission by the Government of Sudan of its mid-term report on the implementation of the accepted recommendations during its first cycle of UPR.

Azerbaijan also positively notes that since its first UPR, the Government of Sudan has strengthened the institutional and normative framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan appreciates the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission, the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking, as well as the adoption of the National Plan to Promote and Protect Human Rights in Sudan (2013-2023) and the accession to the Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

As a country that suffers from the problems of the forced internal displacement for a more than a quarter-of-a-century long period Azerbaijan is well aware of the overall difficulties of Sudan concerning IDP problems. In this regard, we **recommend** Sudan to continue its efforts in order to address the problems related to internal displacement.

At the end, Azerbaijan wishes the delegation of Sudan a very successful UPR process.

I thank you Mr. President.