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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Sudan to the Second Cycle of the UPR, and appreciates its cooperation with the Human Rights Council.

We follow with interest and concern developments on the ground.

We commend efforts by the government of Sudan concerning the establishment of the National Commission for Human Rights.

In view of remaining challenges, especially those related to civil and political rights, Brazil recommends that Sudan:

(1) Strengthen initiatives to promote equality and fight against discrimination, particularly those aimed at expanding political participation, whether from a gender, ethnic, regional or social perspective.

(2) Step up efforts concerning accession to core human rights treaties, particularly CEDAW and CAT, before the third cycle review.

Finally, Brazil would also like to place on record its appreciation for other national initiatives such as the IBSA funded project involving young people in labour-intensive employment in the province of Khartoum.