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**UPR – Sudan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Sudan and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy welcomes the steps taken by Sudan since the first cycle of UPR, in particular the attention devoted to the fight against human trafficking through the Anti Trafficking Act of 2014 and the creation of the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking. Taking note with appreciation of the creation of several committees in charge of studying the possibility of acceding to international Treaties, we **recommend** to ratify the CAT and the CEDAW and their Optional Protocols.

We welcome the creation of a committee in charge of reviewing legislation that is not in line with the Constitution and **recommend** Sudan to revise the 1991 Penal Code and abolish the penalization of apostasy. Italy also **recommends** to establish a moratorium on capital executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty and to repeal all legislation that allows for the application of corporal punishment.

While encouraging Sudan to continue pursuing the National Dialogue with the opposition, Italy **recommends** to allow unrestricted and independent humanitarian access to all areas which are still affected by conflicts in order to make it possible to provide assistance to civilians, in particular women and children. We also **recommend** to commit to preventing further violence and human rights violations in Darfur also through effective cooperation with all relevant International bodies.

We wish Sudan a successful UPR.

Thank you.