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Sudan

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Mr President,

New Zealand welcomes the progress Sudan has made towards some of the recommendations it received in 2011, including its completion of the National Plan to Promote and Protect Human Rights. The government of Sudan needs to do much more however.

First and foremost, New Zealand remains very concerned by the conflicts in South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Darfur. The people in these areas are suffering direct and devastating consequences of military action, and the human rights and humanitarian situations are dire. We call on all parties, including the government of Sudan and associated military groups, to immediately end all attacks targeted at civilians, and all indiscriminate aerial bombardment and other indiscriminate military attacks in these provinces, and to hold those who commit and have committed these acts accountable.

We commend the ongoing mediation processes in these provinces, including the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur and the mediation held under the auspices of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel (AUHIP). We welcome the government's signature of the "Roadmap Agreement" proposed by the AUHIP. We urge continued progress, including good faith commitment by the government and other parties to sign and fully implement this roadmap, cease hostilities, provide secure humanitarian access and hold meaningful and inclusive national dialogue.

New Zealand ~~also~~ recommends that the government ends violent suppression of protestors, and arbitrary detention of political activists and journalists.

Thank you Mr President.