

**UPR of Sudan**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Sudan for their comprehensive national report and active participation in the second cycle of the UPR process.

We acknowledge Sudan's efforts undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of UPR.

Poland notes with appreciation the existence of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2013 – 2023) and we encourage Sudan to effectively implement it.

Nevertheless, there is still a space for further improvement in the field of human rights in Sudan.

In this respect, Poland recommends that Sudan **ratifies international human rights treaties, a.i. Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (ICCPR-PO 2), Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and its Optional Protocol (OP-CAT) and Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);**

Furthermore, the Polish delegation would like to recommend that Sudan **issues a standing invitation to special procedures**

Having in mind a crucial role of culture of mutual respect and tolerance for the promotion, protection and advancement of human rights, Poland recommends that **Sudan adopts legislation prohibiting the dissemination of ideas based on racial or ethnic hatred and incitement to racial discrimination and violence and ensures full respect for freedom of religion or belief and the human rights of the persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, in line with the international human rights law.**

Thank you for your attention.