**Universal Periodic Review, 40th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Sudan, 2nd of February 2022**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Sudan and thanks it for its presentation.

Denmark notes with regret the coup d’etat in Sudan last year and the subsequent use of violence against peaceful demonstrators, the detention of activists and journalists and the limitations on freedom of expression and association. Denmark, however, welcomes Sudan’s ratification of the UN Convention against Torture. The Convention against Torture Initiative stands ready to provide capacity building and technical support in order to promote implementation efforts.

*Denmark recommends* Sudan to:

1. *Recommit to the country’s democratic transition, including by engaging in an inclusive dialogue involving a broad range of civilian stakeholders that can lead to free and fair elections.*
2. *Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*
3. *Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*

Denmark wishes Sudan a successful review.

I thank you.