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Sudan UPR Briefing for Argentina

Sudan Task Force

Advocacy and engagement with States coordinated by the Committee for Justice (CFJ).

The Sudan Task Force invites Argentina to renew and strengthen its recommendations to Sudan in light of continuing violations, with concrete protection and accountability measures for the 2027 Universal Periodic Review.

Previous recommendations and implementation

Torture prevention and treaty implementation

2022 recommendation 137.56: "Consider taking the necessary steps to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan noted this recommendation.* Sudan has not ratified OPCAT or the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Sudan Task Force documents beatings, electric shocks, painful suspension, sexual violence and deprivation of food, water and medical care in detention facilities controlled by different parties. Independent prevention, inspection and investigation remain necessary.

Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

2022 recommendation 137.58: "Cooperate fully with the mechanisms of the United Nations system, especially with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the special procedures."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Full implementation of the cooperation commitment has not been verified. The Sudan Task Force documents continuing protection and accountability failures and the need for effective independent access, investigation and follow-up. Cooperation must deliver practical protection for victims and their families.

Excessive force and civilian protection

2022 recommendation 137.122: "Increase measures to avoid the excessive and/or lethal use of force by security, law enforcement and/or military agents in the context of peaceful demonstrations by the civilian population."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Implementation of the specific commitments on policing peaceful protests has not been verified comprehensively. The Sudan Task Force documents summary executions, killings linked to ethnicity, deaths in custody and attacks on civilian facilities. Independent investigations, evidence preservation and effective remedies remain seriously deficient. These continuing threats to civilian life provide grounds to strengthen protection orders and accountability measures in the context of the armed conflict.

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New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that Argentina put forward the following recommendations during Sudan's 2027 Universal Periodic Review.

Torture and enforced disappearance

1. Within 12 months, criminalize torture and enforced disappearance in accordance with international definitions, ensure effective investigation and prosecution, and exclude evidence obtained by torture from proceedings. A statement obtained by torture may be used only against a person accused of torture as evidence that the statement was made.

2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture within 18 months and establish an independent national preventive mechanism with effective access to places of detention. Immediately permit independent monitoring and confidential interviews in all detention facilities under State authority.

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

3. Immediately issue binding written orders to all forces under State authority prohibiting extrajudicial and summary executions, intentional attacks on civilians and other unlawful use of force, and train all units deployed in conflict areas on these orders within six months.

4. Within six months, establish an independent investigation and prosecution team for unlawful deaths and attacks on hospitals, markets and displacement sites since April 2023, preserve forensic evidence, protect victims and witnesses, and publish quarterly figures on investigations and judicial referrals.

5. Within three months, adopt directives prohibiting the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas and the military use of medical and humanitarian facilities, and establish a mechanism to monitor and investigate violations.

Accountability and implementation

6. Cooperate fully with the International Criminal Court and United Nations and African investigation mechanisms, ratify the Rome Statute within 18 months, and submit implementing legislation to the competent legislative authority within six months of ratification.

Suggested note on timing: *Unless otherwise specified, the proposed implementation deadlines would run from the adoption of Sudan's 2027 UPR outcome. Existing legal obligations and urgent protection measures require immediate action.*

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