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## Sudan UPR Briefing for Italy

## Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Italy 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

### Women's rights and treaty implementation

**2022 recommendation 137.30:** "Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and enhance efforts to combat discrimination and violence against women."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Sudan has not acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The accession objective remains outstanding. The Sudan Task Force documents rape and other sexual violence during raids, flight, detention and displacement. Survivors face fear of retaliation, stigma and limited access to medical, psychosocial and legal assistance.

### Detention disappearance torture and killings

**2022 recommendation 137.55:** "Take measures to prevent all forms of torture, including by ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, and to prevent enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and extrajudicial executions, and ensure accountability for all violations and abuses."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The preventive commitments have not been implemented effectively. The Sudan Task Force documents recurring arbitrary detention, concealed whereabouts, torture and summary executions, alongside continuing impunity. OPCAT ratification remains outstanding. Independent detention safeguards, searches, investigation and enforceable criminal prohibitions are required.

### Civic space and accountability

**2022 recommendation 137.163:** "Create a safer and enabling environment to increase levels of freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, and ensure accountability."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Effective accountability has not been demonstrated across the documented violations. 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. The Task Force has not comprehensively verified the full institutional, transitional-justice or cooperation arrangements specified in the earlier recommendation.

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### Protection of children

**2022 recommendation 137.263:** "Enhance efforts to guarantee the rights of the children and protect them from violence, abuse and involvement in armed conflict."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Effective protection has not been achieved in the documented cases. In May 2026, 23 students under 18 were detained while travelling from Central Darfur towards examinations in Chad. The Sudan Task Force also documents killings, detention abuses and sexual violence affecting civilians, including children. The full range of child-protection measures in the earlier recommendation has not been verified.

### Corporal punishment and related protection

**2022 recommendation 137.266:** "Outlaw corporal punishment."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Implementation of the specific legal prohibitions on corporal punishment has not been verified. 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. These findings support stronger criminal prohibitions and independent prevention, but do not establish the status of every law or policy governing corporal punishment, education or child protection.

### New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

### Arbitrary detention

**1.** Immediately release all persons arbitrarily detained, including those held for peaceful civic or professional activity or solely because of their ethnicity or perceived affiliation, and ensure prompt judicial review, access to a lawyer and necessary medical care for every person deprived of liberty.

**2.** Within three months, establish an updated central register of all persons detained in places under State authority, notify families of the place of detention within 24 hours of deprivation of liberty, and close all unofficial detention sites operated by State bodies.

### Enforced disappearance

**3.** Within six months, establish an independent national mechanism to search for disappeared persons with the participation of families and civil society, register all reports, protect those seeking information, and publish quarterly data on cases in which fate and whereabouts have been clarified.

### Torture and enforced disappearance

**4.** 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.

**5.** 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**

**6.** 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.

**7.** 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.

**8.** 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.

**Sexual and gender based violence**

**9.** Within six months, establish formal coordination between the unit combating violence against women, prosecutors and health authorities to investigate and refer conflict-related sexual violence cases, maintain a unified confidential case system, and publish annual anonymized data on investigations and judicial referrals.

**10.** Within six months, establish free and confidential referral services for survivors in conflict-affected States and displacement sites, providing medical care, psychosocial support and legal assistance, including accessible mobile services for children and women with disabilities, without conditioning care on filing a complaint.

**Accountability and implementation**

**11.** 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.*