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Sudan UPR Briefing for Montenegro

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Montenegro 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

Investigation of enforced disappearance

2022 recommendation 137.132: "Investigate all cases of enforced disappearance and ensure that those responsible are prosecuted and punished commensurately with the gravity of their crimes."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Effective investigation and accountability have not been demonstrated across the documented cases. The Sudan Task Force documents unacknowledged detention, concealment of fate and whereabouts, and risks to families seeking information. It records the absence of an effective independent search system. Independent searches, protection of families, criminal investigation and prosecution remain necessary. Outcomes in every earlier case have not been verified.

Accountability and remedies

2022 recommendation 137.135: "Ensure accountability for grave violations of human rights by bringing the perpetrators to justice and providing remedies for victims."

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.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

Enforced disappearance

1. 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.

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Torture and enforced disappearance

2. 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.

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

3. 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.

Accountability and implementation

4. 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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