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Sudan UPR Briefing for Paraguay

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Paraguay 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 137.10: "Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination 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.

International justice and accountability

2022 recommendation 137.11: "Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court 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.* Ratification of the Rome Statute remains outstanding. 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. Cooperation with individual requests from the International Criminal Court and the full scope of domestic implementation have not been comprehensively verified. The accompanying Second Optional Protocol treaty step is also outstanding.

Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

2022 recommendation 137.64: "Consider issuing an open and standing invitation to all human rights mechanisms."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan noted 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.

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Cooperation must deliver practical protection for victims and their families. The standing-invitation clause has not been verified.

Implementation and follow up

2022 recommendation 137.68: "Strengthen the mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up regarding recommendations on human rights, considering the possibility of receiving cooperation for this purpose."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* An effective, public implementation system meeting the full recommendation has not been verified. Continuing violations and limited public information on investigation outcomes show the need for a national plan identifying responsible bodies, timelines and measurable indicators, with regular reporting and civil-society participation.

Humanitarian workers and facilities

2022 recommendation 137.117: "Ensure the safety of humanitarian workers and humanitarian facilities."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The protection objective has not been achieved in practice. The Sudan Task Force documents attacks affecting humanitarian personnel and protected facilities, including the killing of five humanitarian volunteers and disappearance of three others during a food-distribution mission in Bara. Binding protection orders and independent investigations remain necessary.

Protection of civilians

2022 recommendation 137.124: "Comply with international humanitarian and human rights law obligations, putting an end to indiscriminate attacks against civilians, protecting vulnerable social groups in particular."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The protection objective has not been achieved in practice. 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 20 March 2026 strike on El Daein Teaching Hospital killed at least 64 civilians and injured approximately 113 people. Binding orders, precautions and independent investigation remain necessary.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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

4. 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.

5. 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

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.

7. Within six months, adopt a national plan to implement all outstanding supported UPR recommendations, including those from the 2022 cycle, identifying responsible bodies, timelines and indicators, and publish a progress report every six months in consultation with civil society.

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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