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Sudan UPR Briefing for Ukraine

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Ukraine 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 grave violations

2022 recommendation 137.131: "Ensure thorough investigation of all grave violations of human rights."

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.

Female genital mutilation and related protection

2022 recommendation 137.258: "Enforce the prohibition of female genital mutilation through an effective prosecution mechanism."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Implementation of the specific legislative, prosecution or awareness measures on female genital mutilation has not been verified. The Sudan Task Force documents conflict-related sexual violence and major gaps in survivor protection. Those findings support stronger responses to gender-based violence, while leaving the specific earlier commitments to be established separately.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

1. 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.

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Sexual and gender based violence

2. 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.

3. 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

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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