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Mr. President,

India welcomes the delegation of the Sudan led by H.E. Mr Mohamed Bushara Dosa, Minister of Justice, and thanks the delegation for its presentation and its National Report, which provide an informative overview of the institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, progress achieved and challenging remaining, including in southern Sudan.

2. The human rights situation in the country has to be viewed in the context of the protracted armed conflict that has had a devastating impact on its basic infrastructure. The Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005 brought an end to this conflict that was one of the longest running conflicts in Africa. Since then, the country has endeavoured to promote human rights principles by establishing institutional mechanisms such as the Constitutional Court, national judiciary, Advisory Council on Human Rights, Public Grievances Chamber and Human Rights Commission. The Sudan has also ratified most core international human rights covenants. It held its first multi-party elections in 2010 after over two decades and held a referendum early this year in accordance with the peace-process. Given this background, we appreciate the steps being

taken by the Government to combat poverty, and in the areas of education, health and the rights of women and children.

Mr. President,

3. In July 2011, a new chapter would begin in Sudanese history when southern Sudan would become an independent State. While it would be a process that promises a new future for the Sudanese people, it is also likely to bring new challenges that such transitional periods normally do. In this context, we would urge both the States to continue to strengthen measures to tackle some of the serious concerns relating to sexual violence against women and children, impunity for crimes committed, protection of civilians in Darfur and humanitarian situation in the land. We would ~~also~~ ^{recommend to} strongly ~~encourage~~ them to consider establishing national human rights institutions in compliance with Paris Principles.

4. Lastly, we would like to wish the Sudanese delegation the very best for the future and assure them that we would continue to work closely with both sides in the Sudan and extend all possible assistance.

Thank you, Mr. President.
