



**Statement by Sri Lanka
Agenda Item 10
Individual ID with IE on Sudan**

Mr. President,

We take note of the Report of Mr. Mashood A. Badrin, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/HRC/24/31), which is presented to this Council.

As a country that has emerged from a protracted terrorist conflict, Sri Lanka is empathetic to the many challenges faced by Sudan in its progression towards normalcy. We take particular note of the cooperation and support extended by the Government of Sudan to the IE during his visits to the country, which demonstrates the country's commitment to human rights.

Sri Lanka appreciates the establishment by the Government of Sudan of several national mechanisms with a view to addressing human rights challenges, particularly of vulnerable groups including women, children, elderly persons as well as the conflict-affected population.

We note the IE's recommendation to the international community to provide the Government of Sudan with technical assistance and capacity-building to facilitate improvement of the human rights situation, particularly through building the capacities of national institutions. The provision of such technical assistance must be undertaken in consultation with and with the consent of the Government of Sudan, and in accordance with the provisions of Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 as well as 16/21. Additionally, the dialogue with the Government to promote technical cooperation must take into account its specific needs and views.

The UPR process is a constructive channel to explore avenues for technical cooperation in consultation with the state, to support the implementation of the human rights obligations of Sudan. We recall in this regard the Council mandate which requested the IE to assist the Government in its strategy to implement the remaining UPR recommendations accepted by Sudan. We take particular note of the cooperation between the Government of Sudan and the UNDP with regard to the implementation of the UPR recommendations.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

Sri Lanka encourages the international community to provide technical assistance and capacity building to Sudan in full cooperation with the Government.

Thank you