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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The need for Sudan to seek technical assistance in the field of human rights

The (ssc mada) highly appreciate the positive gesture that reflected in transforming the mandate of the independent expert to Sudan, from the item (4) to the item (10) which its main focus is on technical assistance and capacity building, we as an operating civil society on the ground present an initiative purposely targeting the development promotion and protection human rights in Sudan within a national plan of action. regardless the various channels of technical assistance that is expected by affiliated governments institutions, which include, direct assistance to constitutional and legal reform, administrative support and election's pertaining issues , here we rub up programs of capacity building for civil society it main component are:

First: support Sudan in preparation for the NAPs with identifying the needs and gabs in national human rights aspects , democracy and the rule of law, to lead the partners (the State, civil society organizations and the private sector) in acknowledging and identify areas of assistance , and our need to capacity building in the form of relevant human rights training for members of the judiciary, the Ministry of Justice, the legislature, the police and non-governmental human rights organizations, amongst others. The need for public awareness and human rights empowerment initiatives were also identified.

Second: Assist the partners (the state and civil society) in the preparation of reports (official and alternative) to international bodies. This is done through training courses to help prepare the reports required under various international treaties on human rights, especially those which the State is a party. In the form of seminars and workshops at national, regional or international levels.

Third: Support civil society organizations to enhance the National Action Plan for the country through training programs and specialized workshops by experts of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, or the UN Centre for Training and documentation in the field of human rights. In this context, we need the following:

- Training on Implementation of the UPR Recommendations.
- Training on Elections observation.
- Training to Support the national action plan of the State.
- Training on The field reporting on the human rights situation.
- Training on Monitoring and observation the human rights situation.
- Training on the role of civil society in promoting peace and human rights.

Fourth: Support civil society organizations in raising awareness of rights and building a culture of human rights to education and the integration of human rights in the curricula of primary and secondary and higher education. The aim of this activity is to help build a culture of human rights by encouraging the inclusion of human rights concepts in existing programs and assistance in adapting or modifying curriculum when necessary, and provide education and assistance to civil society organizations working in this area. In this context, we need the following:

- Training on archiving and documentation in the field of human rights.
- Training on the preparation of educational booklets on human rights.
- Training on the experiences of some States on the inclusion of these rights into school curricula.

Fifth: Training of civil society organizations and media in the areas of culture of peace, human rights and conflict resolution through peaceful means, and the use of legal institutions and administrative systems in conflict resolution. And to train and educate the media on international standards of human rights, especially those relating to freedom of expression, access to information. This is done through seminars and training programs in the various courses that deal with international media's role in the promotion and protection of these rights. In this context, we need the following:

- Training in the fields of peace culture.
- Training on the conflict resolution through peaceful means.
- Training the Media on international standards of human rights especially freedom of expression and access to information.

Sixth: Support the fellowship programs to the Sudanese in the field of human rights, to persons who are nominated by the government or its institutions concerned with human rights or by civil society organizations.

Seventh: Support the implementing mechanisms for the Doha Peace for Darfur , namely , the Darfur Regional Authority, the Justice and Reconciliation Commission and the new Darfur Special Courts , these institutions that are in need of capacity building and need to be strengthened. And to support and promote the Sudan Human Rights Commission; to assist in the creation of effective institutions; to assist in the strengthening of existing institutions; and to foster cooperation between institutions”.
