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6/... Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments,

* Non-member States of the Human Rights Council.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling also its resolutions 5/1 “Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council” and 5/2 “Code of Conduct for Special Procedures mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council” of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate-holder shall discharge his/her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

Having conducted an assessment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur in the form of an interactive dialogue during its present session, in accordance with its resolution 5/1,

Reaffirming Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/82 of 21 April 2005,

Bearing in mind the report on the situation of human rights in all regions of the Sudan submitted by the Special Rapporteur (A/62/354) and urging the implementation of the recommendations contained therein,

Welcoming the report submitted by the Group of Experts on the situation of human rights in Darfur (A/HRC/6/19) and urging the implementation of the recommendations contained therein,

Deeply concerned at the situation of human rights throughout the Sudan, notably, at the slow pace of implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the gross violations of human rights that continue to be perpetrated in the Darfur region,

Acknowledging the constructive cooperation of the Government of the Sudan with the Council and its mechanisms,

1. *Decides* to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and requests the Special Rapporteur:

(a) To monitor the situation of human rights in the Sudan;

(b) To foster the effectiveness of international technical and financial support for the Sudan in the field of human rights;

(c) To submit to the Council a full annual report before the end of 2008, as well as all outstanding reports, in accordance with its annual programme of work;

2. *Urges* the Government of the Sudan to continue cooperating fully with the Special Rapporteur and to respond favourably to her requests to visit the Sudan and to provide her with all necessary information so as to enable her to fulfil her mandate even more effectively;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance to enable her to discharge her mandate fully;

4. *Invites* relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to continue providing support and technical assistance to the Sudan in the field of human rights and calls upon donors to also continue providing financial and technical assistance for the improvement of the human rights situation in the Sudan.
