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Thank you, Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Sudan to the 25th Session of the Universal Periodic Review. We take note of the national report, and the implementation of recommendations Sudan received during its first cycle.

The Maldives welcomes Sudan's draft national policy to combat violence against women and children, drawn up for the period 2016-2031, and is supportive of its efforts to combat all forms of slavery

However, my delegation notes, with grave concern, growing communities of internally displaced persons, presenting an ever growing responsibility upon Governing structures. We further note that much of this protracted displacement has been caused by armed conflict, communal violence, and conflicts over resources that have resulted due to the effects of Climate Change.

The Maldives recommends that the Government of Sudan undertake the following:

- 1) Authorize and facilitate humanitarian access to all areas of the country;
- 2) Ensure the adoption of legislation that prohibits child, early and forced marriage; and
- 3) Adopt legislation that clearly defines and criminalizes torture.

We urge the Government of Sudan to continue cooperation with the UN and the international community towards the promotion and protection of Human Rights in the country. The Maldives wishes the delegation of Sudan all the success during this review.

Thank you Mr. President.