

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

ADVANCE UNEDITED VERSION

**Decision 2 (2025)**

*The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*, meeting in Geneva at its 116th session from 17 November to 5 December 2025,

*Acting* under its Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure;

*Recalling* its [Decision 1 \(2024\)](#) of 12 April 2024 regarding the human rights situation in the Sudan particularly the increase of violence, including ethnic violence, ethnically motivated attacks and the deterioration of the already dire human rights and humanitarian situation in the Sudan since the outbreak of hostilities on 15 April 2023 between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and their associated and allied forces;

*Recalling* all relevant resolutions adopted and statements made by the Human Rights Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council on the Sudan,<sup>1</sup> and relevant statements on the Sudan by the United Nations Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Sudan, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan, the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, and the United Nations Special Procedure mandate-holders;

*Concerned* that the Sudan is facing one of the world's worst displacement crises, with 7.2 million internally displaced persons and over 3 million refugees in neighboring countries,<sup>2</sup> compounded by famine and a collapse of humanitarian access;

*Gravely concerned* about the reported increase in the use of dehumanizing language and hate speech as well as atrocities and ethnically motivated human rights violations and abuses, particularly targeting members belonging to the Fur, Masalit, and Zaghawa ethnic communities, committed by the RSF and their associated and allied forces in El Fasher, North Darfur, following the city's fall on 26 October 2025 after over 540-day siege, particularly ethnically motivated killings, torture, summary executions, arbitrary detention of civilians; widespread and systematic use of rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence as a weapon of warfare; attacks on healthcare facilities, including the killing of patients and injured, and denial of healthcare; and deliberate attacks on humanitarian workers and aid blockades;

*Concerned* about the reported intensified hostilities, violence, atrocities and human rights violations and abuses in the Kordofan region as a result of the fighting between the SAF and the RSF and their associated and allied forces;

**Calls upon** the State Party to take effective measures to stop and prevent further escalation of ethnic violence, incitement to racial hatred and racist hate speech, particularly the use of dehumanizing language, and hate crimes;

**Calls upon** the State Party to conduct prompt, effective, thorough, impartial and public investigations

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<sup>1</sup> See for example: [A/HRC/RES/S-38/1](#); [A/HRC/RES/60/3](#); [A/HRC/RES/57/2](#); [A/HRC/RES/54/2](#); and [S/RES/2724](#).

<sup>2</sup> [Situation Sudan situation - Operational Data Portal](#), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

into alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law and violations of international humanitarian law, including those ethnically motivated, committed during the ongoing conflict, and ensure that perpetrators are prosecuted and punished, including persons in positions of command, according to judicial procedures and observing relevant international standards, and that the victims and their families receive full reparations, regardless of the ethnicity of the victims and the perpetrators involved;

**Urges** the State Party to cooperate with Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan, established by the United Nations Human Rights Council pursuant to its resolution 54/2, in investigating all alleged human rights violations and abuses and violations of international humanitarian law and related crimes in the context of the ongoing armed conflict that began on 15 April 2023, and in investigating into all alleged atrocities committed in and around El Fasher, in accordance with the United Nations Human Rights Council resolution S-38/1;

**Reiterates the calls upon** all parties to the conflict to cease hostilities immediately and engage in mediation efforts to put in place a lasting and unconditional ceasefire, to engage in an inclusive dialogue with the participation of relevant stakeholders, including all different ethnic groups in Sudan, aiming to reach a peaceful and lasting resolution of the conflict and to restore a civilian-led government;

**Calls upon** all State Parties to fully respect their international obligations, in particular those arising from the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and to cooperate to bring to an end the violations that are taking place in the Sudan.

5 December 2025