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**HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE
THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION**

**Canada, Croatia*, Czech Republic* (on behalf of the European Union),
Norway*, Switzerland: draft resolution**

11/... 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 Members 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 international human rights instruments,

Reaffirming also Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/82 of 21 April 2005, and Council resolutions 6/34 and 6/35 of 14 December 2007, 7/16 of 27 March 2008 and 9/17 of 24

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

September 2008, and calling on the Government of the Sudan to continue and intensify its efforts to implement them,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/HRC/11/14);

2. *Acknowledges* the steps taken by the Government of the Sudan to strengthen the human rights legal and institutional framework while expressing its concern at the continued critical situation of human rights in all parts of the Sudan;

3. *Decides* to create the mandate of independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan for a period of one year, who shall assume the responsibilities set out by the Council in its resolutions 6/34, 6/35, 7/16 and 9/17;

4. *Requests* the independent expert to identify, in consultation with the Government of the Sudan and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, priority areas for technical assistance in support of the ongoing effort of the Government of the Sudan to implement the recommendations of the Group of Experts and to improve the human rights situation in the Sudan;

5. *Also requests* the independent expert to engage with the newly created human rights forums in the Sudan as well as the human rights sections of the African Union, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur in order to avoid any duplication of mechanisms;

6. *Further requests* the independent expert to submit a report to the Council for consideration at its fourteenth session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all necessary assistance to discharge the mandate fully.
