



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

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**Opening Statement of the Government of South Sudan to the  
34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

**THE CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

**by**

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**Mr. President,**

I want to thank the Council, the countries which made the recommendations and the Working Group and members of the Troika for facilitating realization of the first South Sudan UPR. My country is aware that UPR is one of the essential mechanisms for promotion and improvement of human rights and therefore we will endeavour to implement the supported recommendations. It may be useful to state here that my country was first reviewed before this Council in November, 2016 in its 31<sup>st</sup> Session and received 233 recommendations, out of which, after consultations, 203 enjoy support of my government and 30 are noted.

**Mr. President**

With respect to the recommendations on the ratification of core international human rights conventions, my country has already acceded to the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women(CEDAW),International Convention of the Rights on the Child and its Optional Protocols(CRC), Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment(CAT) . My country is committed to continue to work towards accession of the other major international conventions related to human rights.

My government will like to reaffirm its commitment to continue with implementation of the Agreement for the Resolution of the Conflict signed in August, 2015 by carrying out the necessary institutional reforms stipulated in it, particularly the reforms related to organized forces and law enforcement institutions and criminal justice system. I would also like to reaffirm that my Government accepts to continue with efforts to harmonize our laws ,customs to the international human rights standards, with the aim of empowering women and protect children

**Mr. President,**

Implementation of the supported recommendations, which includes institutional reforms and capacity building of human resources, entails availability of sufficient resources which surely my government will be in need of technical assistance to do so.

My government appreciates the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for training of two South Sudanese officials in National Mechanism on Reporting and Follow up and government hope, to be offered additional trainings in different mechanisms in all fields of human rights.

**Mr. President,**

My government further accepts implementing the recommendation, on the rights of all citizen to education by making basic education compulsory and free. For this purpose it has established an Alternative Educational System which is to provide basic adult, accelerated learning programmes; community girl schools programme; pastoralist education programme and intensive English course to the children demobilized from the army and other armed groups.

**Mr. President,**

My government understands and appreciates that freedom of expression is one of the fundamental rights. Therefore it is endeavouring to improve on the enjoyment of this right by the citizens.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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