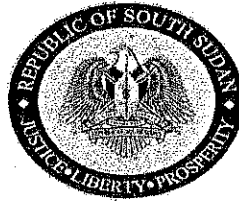


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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

**Human Rights Council- 17TH Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR
Statement of the Republic of South Sudan of UPR of Republic of Congo
30th October, 2013**

Mr. President,

South Sudan welcomes the delegation of Republic of Congo to the UPR Working Group, and thanks them for presentation of the report of second UPR cycle.

My delegation takes note with satisfaction the measures that have been taken to address trafficking of persons on multilateral and bilateral levels, and welcomes efforts of Congo to ensure human rights in particular ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol against Trafficking Persons, and signature of the cooperation agreement with Republic of Benin to combat trafficking in children.

We appreciate the paramount achievements made by Congolese government in the field of health in particular maternity and health care for newborn infants born by caesarean section.

We commend the step taken by Congolese government to integrate human rights in to education system; moreover, my delegation would like to recommend the following:

1. Ensure integration of human rights culture to the law enforcement entities (police, security agents...etc).
2. Increase rate of women participation in decision-making in the legislative organ to 25%.

In conclusion, South Sudan wishes to the Government of the Republic of Congo success in implementing the second cycle of the UPR.

I thank you,