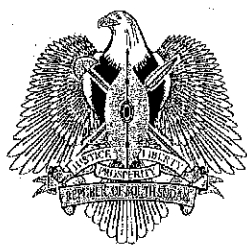


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Human Rights Council- 17TH Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR

Statement of the Republic of South Sudan of UPR of Senegal

21st October, 2013

My President,

South Sudan takes this opportunity to welcome the delegation of the Government of Senegal, headed by ^{Minister of Justice} to the 17th Session of UPR for the second cycle review.

We also welcome the role of the Government of Senegal in combating Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). My delegation has taken note of the dramatically achieved progress, for example in 2010- 2011 there was a reduction in the national FGM prevalence of 25.7%. We believe and consider that FGM, which is widespread in Africa, is one of the most grave and violent acts against any child.

We commend the Government's role in establishing more institutional frameworks that are aimed at strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights.

We have taken note that the Government of Senegal has achieved great progresses in implementing the first cycle of UPR.

Finally, we recommend that the Government of Senegal should intensify its endeavors to eradicate assault, battery, excision, and abduction of children. This can be achieved by the

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government increasing its campaign through raising awareness about the dangers of these practices to affected families.

I thank you,