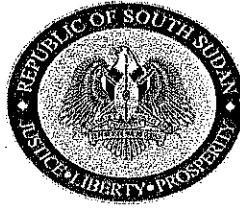


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Human Rights Council- 18<sup>th</sup> Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR  
Statement of the Republic of South Sudan on UPR of the Islamic Republic of  
Afghanistan 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

Mr. President

South Sudan welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and commends on its comprehensive report and oral presentation to the second UPR cycle.

We note with appreciation the excellent achievements being made in implementing number of recommendations of the first cycle of UPR. We acknowledge the efforts of the Government of Afghanistan to make crucial developments in many areas, towards strengthening promotion and protection of human rights.

My delegation appreciates the role of the Afghan Government in adopting various measures to continue the realization of women's rights and gender equality.

South Sudan encourages the Afghan Government to continue cooperating with the human rights mechanisms, and recommends Afghanistan to continue strengthening access to education, in particular, to orphans, children with disabilities and children of missing parents.

Finally, we wish to Afghanistan every success in implementing the second cycle of UPR.

I thank you,