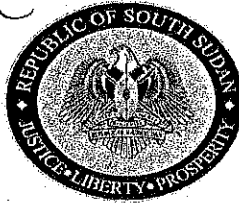


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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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**Human Rights Council- 18th Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR
Statement of the Republic of South Sudan on UPR of the State of Eritrea
3rd February, 2014**

Mr. President,

South Sudan would like to welcome the delegation of State of Eritrea to the second cycle of UPR Working Group and commends Eritrea on its national report. We take note with satisfaction of the steps taken to improve human rights situation in the country.

We appreciate the roles of the government to promote and protect the fundamental human rights of the children in field of education, and observe the progress been made in all education levels, and specially enrolment of female in education system.

Despite of the progress achieved by the government to combat female genital mutilation; the percentage of the prevalence of this phenomenon remains high between the productive ages of girls, in this context; we encourage the government to exert more efforts to decrease the rate of FGM throughout the country.

My delegation would like to recommend the following for consideration of the Eritrean delegation.

1. To establish an independent mechanism for human rights in accordance to Paris principles.
2. To cooperate with human rights mechanism in particular the special Rapporteur for human rights to Eritrea.
3. To strengthen the social welfare system for protecting children in the most affected communities from harmful practices, violence and exploitation.

Finally, South Sudan calls on the international community to provide Eritrea with technical assistance to undertake its responsibility to strengthen promotion and protection of human rights. We wish all the best to Eritrea in this review.

I thank you,