



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

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Statement of the Republic of South Sudan on UPR of the Socialist Republic of Code d'Ivoire

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## Mr. President,

South Sudan would like to welcome the delegation of the Republic of Code d'Ivoire to the second cycle of UPR Working Group and congratulate on their national report.

We appreciate on the method of consultations process and wide range engagement of governmental institutions and other stakeholders in contributing the preparation of the report. We commend Code d'Ivoire accession and ratification to several human rights instruments and welcome the establishment of National Human Rights Commission.

We applaud Code d'Ivoire cooperation with all special procedures of Human Rights Council and United Nations entities, and encourage the government to continue this cooperation. My delegation notes with satisfaction that Code d'Ivoire has implemented a number of recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR; and also we take note of the submission of reports to African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and CEDAW committee.

We know the difficulties and constraints that are facing the country in combating poverty reeducation, discrimination, violence against women, and the fight against female genital mutilation (FGM), and conditions of detention, in this regard; we call on the international community to provide support and assistance to the country in order to be able to implement these recommendations.

Finally, my delegation recommends to the Code d'Ivoire to share experience with states within the region and undertake on their experiences on how they fight against FGM.

We wish all the best to the Republic of Code d'Ivoire.

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