



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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**Human Rights Council- 19th Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR
Statement of the Republic of South Sudan on UPR of the Federal Democratic Republic of
Ethiopia 6th May, 2014**

Mr. President,

South Sudan welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the UPR and appreciates their presentation of the national report, in the light of this my delegation recommends the following.

- a. Further strengthen the existing efforts to integrate of human rights in the national development policies, strategies and plans;
- b. Take the necessary measures to open the office of the Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission in the remaining two National Regional States
- c. Strengthen the forum for dialogue between civil society and the Government

My delegation commends the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan by the parliament. We note the tremendous economic development in the country that has so far registered high economic growth over the last ten years with an annual average growth rate of 10.9%, we encourage the government to continue working towards implementing the poverty reduction policy, in this context we call on the international community to provide assistance to enable Ethiopia alleviate poverty.

In the framework of protecting the rights of women and girl we welcome the measures have been taken by the government to combat forced and early marriage.

We wish every success to the government of Ethiopia in the implementation of the second cycle of UPR.

I thank you,