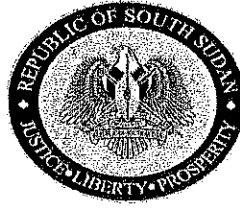


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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

**Human Rights Council- 20th Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR Statement of the Republic of
South Sudan on UPR of the Republic of Gambia 28th October, 2014**

South Sudan welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Gambia to the second cycle of UPR Working Group and thanks them on their national report.

We congratulate Gambia for meeting the MDGs by implementing primary school free of charge, as well as gender parity. We also applaud the Gambian Government for increasing the rate of enrolment of students in the Upper Basic School, Secondary Schools, as well as increment of education of girl child in school.

Gambia is still suffering from the culture of practicing Female Genital Mutilation, regardless of the efforts being taken by the government to eradicate this phenomenon in collaboration and support of UN agencies. Therefore, we encourage Gambia to continue its endeavors and share experiences with the countries within the region and exchange of good practice of combating FGM.

We welcome Gambia ratification to a number of human rights treaties and instruments, in particular UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its optional protocol, we commend the role of the Gambian government engagement and foster on the situation of persons with disabilities by providing training and employment to persons with disabilities in both the public and private sector.

In conclusion, my delegation recommends to Gambia to continue its efforts to provide more education to the persons with disabilities.

I thank you,