



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

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**Human Rights Council-20<sup>th</sup> Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR Statement of the  
Republic of South Sudan on UPR of the Republic of Italy 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Mr. President,

South Sudan welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Italy headed by

H.E the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations

We commend Italy for implementing most of the recommendation provided in the first cycle of UPR, and for engaging the collaborating with the Human Rights Council and its Mechanisms.

My delegation applauds the Italian legislator in particular for enacting the Act, which provide protection of the relationship between mothers in detention and their children, by limiting the regime of custody in favor of house arrest.

We acknowledge the Country's huge challenges with regards to the influx of migrants. In this regard, my delegation recommends to the Italian delegation to reactivate the dialogue on migration with North African States namely Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritius and Egypt (the so called 5+1)

We are deeply concerned with the issues of discrimination of migrants in the society in particular xenophobia and related intolerance behaviors at the institutional level, in this context my delegation would like to ask the Italian delegation: What measures taken by the Italian authorities to investigate the incident of the Italian Coast Guard vessel which intentionally ramped a boat full of African and Middle Eastern migrants in the Mediterranean Sea in June 2014?

We wish success to Italy in implementing the second cycle of UPR.