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Statement of the Republic of South Sudan of UPR of the Federal Republic of  
Madagascar 3rd November, 2014

Mr. President,

South Sudan welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Madagascar and commends the comprehensive report and oral presentation to the second UPR cycle.

We note with appreciation the excellent achievements made in implementing over two third of recommendations of the first cycle UPR. The reform of Madagascar government to restore a lasting democracy, adoption of the new constitution and the conduct of Presidential elections as well as Legislative elections these are commendable achievements.

My delegation welcome the measures taken by the government to eradicate poverty, regardless of that, the poverty and unemployment rates are increasing in many regions of the country. Therefore, we encourage Madagascar to exert more efforts to achieve this pillar of the MDGs to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, we also urge the international community to support this LDCs country to fulfill its commitments to achieve this goal.

The establishment of an the Independent Human Rights Commission by the National Assembly is a commendable step towards strengthening human rights in accordance to Paris Principle and we encourage Madagascar to continue the process by revamping its mechanisms. The efforts made by the government to combat human trafficking by putting measures to prevent the phenomenon through adoption of plan of action are appreciable.

In conclusion my delegation applauds empowerment of women, therefore, recommends Madagascar to continue to increase the empowerment of women in the national institutions.

I thank you,