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Statement of the Republic of South Sudan of UPR of the Republic of
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Mr. President,

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

My delegation commends Kenya for holding of free and fair elections in March, 2013 as implementation of the constitutional ~~achievements~~ fulfillment

We welcome the genuine commitments and cooperation of Kenya with human rights mechanisms, special procedure and mandate holders, in addition to the African human rights mechanism, and responded positively to mandate holders' requests to visit the country within the review phase. The progress being made by the government to police reforms, for instance the creation of the independent policing oversight authority, and prisons reforms are commendable achievements towards strengthening the rules of law.

We appreciate the role of Kenyan government to empower persons with disabilities by incorporating disabilities issues into its policies and provide financial support to this vulnerable group through the national development fund for the persons with disabilities. Regardless of the growth of the Kenyan economy, the country still have a ~~big~~ ^{high} rate of poverty, therefore, my delegation recommends to Kenya to continue its efforts to alleviate poverty reduction,

I thank you,