



**Human Rights Council- 24th Session of Universal Periodic Review UPR
Statement of Republic of South Sudan
2nd Cycle of the UPR of the Republic of
Niger 18th January, 2015**

Mr. President,

South Sudan warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Niger to the second cycle of UPR Working Group.

My delegation takes note of steps taken by government by adopting several legislative provisions including ratification of international instruments.

We appreciate Niger's efforts to promote justice in the country by held the general conference on justice in 2012 which led to formation of national on justice and human rights and action plan for 2016-2025.

My delegation applauds the efforts made by Niger to combat slavery and human trafficking and enshrine abolition of slavery in the constitution, and also welcomes Niger ratification of Convention against Transitional Organized Crime and its Protocols.

The steps taken by the Government of Niger to ratify several human rights instruments are commendable.

We welcome the efforts of the government to raised awareness campaigns for the harmful traditional practice against girls such as female genital mutilation. Moreover; we recognize that the prevalence range of FGM was decreased and appreciate the steps made by government to prosecute perpetrators of FGM crime and bring them to justice, therefore; in order to achieve the goal of zero female genital mutilation my delegation recommends to Niger to continue taking further measures to eliminate female genital mutilation.

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

I thank you,