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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Sudan to this UPR Session and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

South Africa welcomes the legislative developments in the country which includes the Freedom of Information Act and the Mineral Wealth and Mining Development Act, which reflects the country's commitment to promote Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Developments such as the establishment of the National Commission for Human Rights; cooperation with international human rights mechanisms and the "Salima" campaign to help prevent FGM are commendable.

South Africa encourages Sudan to continue with the effective promotion and protection of Human Rights and recommend that Sudan:

1. Ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading and Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol;
2. Ensure provision of comprehensive and non-discriminatory health services to women and girls who have experienced sexual violence;

3. Increase access to school education for all children, especially girls, children in rural areas and children of marginalised groups such as nomadic persons and
4. Accelerate the adoption of the national policy to empower women.

We wish Sudan a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.