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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of South Sudan**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of South Sudan and thanks for presentation of the National report.

We positively note the ratifications of CAT, OP-CAT and CEDAW as well as adherence to CRC and encourage the Government to ratify the remaining human rights treaties.

We are concerned over reports of violence and armed conflicts in different parts of the country as well as the slow progress in eliminating abuses against women and girls. We also believe that South Sudan should pay more attention to ensuring the freedom of speech.

Our **recommendations**:

- to take steps to eliminate sexual and gender-based violence, ensure that perpetrators are held responsible and victims have secure access to justice;

- to further improve promotion and protection of children`s rights and prevent recruitment of child soldiers;

- to ensure proper investigation into allegations of violations of international humanitarian and human rights laws;

- to allow and facilitate immediate, unimpeded and sustained humanitarian access in all parts of the country;

- to consider abolishing death penalty.

Thank you.