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**Review of South Sudan**

**Statement by Armenia**

Armenia welcomes the delegation of South Sudan and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We note with appreciation the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. However, there is still significant number of international human rights instruments to be ratified. We encourage South Sudan to continue the process of ratifications of major international human rights instruments.

We also note that despite legislative guarantees of equality between men and women, there is high illiteracy rate of women, as well as high risk of maternal mortality, including due to early child marriages. We encourage South Sudan to take the necessary steps to guarantee women’s access to education and combat early and forced marriage.

Armenia has the following recommendations for South Sudan:

1. To ratify the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and
2. To ratify the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity.