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We welcome the Delegation of the Republic of South Sudan and thank the Head of Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia positively notes the accession of South Sudan to a number of key human rights international instruments and underlines the necessity of their good-faith implementation.

Georgia remains concerned with the humanitarian and human rights situation of all those affected by the outbreak of the crisis in December 2013, including internally displaced persons. We hope that the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGNU) will pave the way to ending the crisis in accordance with the 2015 Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan.

Georgia offers following four recommendations:

* Ensure an impartial and comprehensive investigation of all reported cases of human rights violations and bring the perpetrators to justice;
* Strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms and issue a standing invitation to special procedures mandate holders;
* Undertake all necessary measures to eliminate discrimination and abuses against women and girls;
* Place a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.

We wish the Delegation of South Sudan a successful UPR.