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**German national statement**

**South Sudan**

Mr President,

we are alarmed by the continuing climate of violence and impunity in South Sudan. The Transitional Government of National Unity still lacks to fully implement the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan.

Germany recommends the following:

1. Allow and facilitate immediately the deployment of the Regional Protection Force as mandated by the UN Security Council.
2. Immediately respect the ceasefire and facilitate full and unimpeded access for humanitarian aid to the entire country
3. End, investigate independently and prosecute promptly cases of sexual violence against civilians and assaults on and harassment of journalists and civil society activists.
4. Issue clear, public orders to end the recruitment of child soldiers, ensure their swift release and investigate and prosecute commanders responsible. Ratify the Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflict.
5. Reform or repeal the National Security Service Act, 2014 in order to comply with international, regional and national human rights law standards.

Thank you.

Advance written questions submitted to the State under review

1. How does the Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan intend to comply with the provisions of the peace agreement demanding the incorporation of the peace agreement into the constitution in order to promote an inclusive peace process?
2. How will the Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan ensure that the Humanitarian High Level Oversight Committee established by Presidential decree on the 15th of October removes the obstruction of humanitarian access and access by the institutions of the peace agreement notably the cease fire commission CTSAMM in light of its obligations under the peace agreement and its international human rights obligations and what steps will it take to ensure that such obstruction is prevented in the future?
3. How does the Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan intend to repeal the National Security Service Act to bring it in line with international, regional and national human rights law standards?