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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of the Republic of South Sudan during the 26th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 7 November 2016**

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of South Sudan.

Nepal is cognizant of the difficulties South Sudan has been facing in protecting and promoting the human rights of its nationals as a country emerging from decades of violent conflict. South Sudan is struggling with rampant poverty, constraints of resources and capacity, low level of socio-economic and human development, and moreover, still beset with armed conflicts in several places.

Despite the myriad of challenges, the commitments shown by South Sudan to human rights are encouraging. Since its independence, South Sudan has become a party to a number of international human rights instruments, including CEDAW, CRC and CAT. The Transitional Constitution of 2011 has made several provisions guaranteeing human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the Government has enacted a large number of legislations that may ensure better enjoyment of human rights by its nationals. Achievements in the areas of peace and reconciliation are also encouraging. My delegation strongly supports the Government’s call for technical and financial support in the vital areas of protection and promotion of human rights.

We recommend the Government of South Sudan to:

1. Ratify the core international human rights instruments, particularly the ICCPR and the ICESCR.
2. Constructively engage to garner technical and financial support from the UN agencies and wider international community for more effective promotion and protection of human rights.
3. Give continuity to strengthening of national human rights instruments and mechanisms.

We wish the delegation of South Sudan a successful UPR.

I thank you.