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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

26TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF SOUTH SUDAN

7TH NOVEMBER, 2016

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of the Republic of South Sudan and commends the update on their national UPR report. We note the socio-political and constitutional progress the government has made towards the promotion and protection of the human rights of its citizens, and efforts towards upholding democratic principles and the good governance of the country.

2. The Government of South Sudan has through its bold commitment to the issues of human rights and fundamental freedoms, domesticated in her constitution, the international and regional human rights conventions she has ratified. These have become an integral part of the domestic laws of the country.

3. We equally note the government’s continuous efforts, despite challenges, in strengthening the legal and security institutions aimed at finding a lasting solution to the security challenges in the country.

Mr. President,

4. We join the call by South Sudan for the international community, to provide technical and financial assistance in the area of capacity building for its crime investigation and judicial processes.

5. We therefore recommend to South Sudan to continue to seek support to address the issue of internally displaced persons.

I thank you.

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