**Human Rights Council**

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**statement of the Republic South Sudan on the UPR of the Republic of Tunisia**

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**Mr. President,**

We warmly welcome the delegation of the Republic of Tunisia and appreciate them for presenting their national report of the third cycle of the UPR.

We welcome the adoption of the Tunisian Constitution of 2014 which notably integrated important human rights guarantees, including the independence of the judiciary, we also note with appreciation the steps made by the government to strengthen and reinforce institution-building.

We commend Tunisia for its genuine cooperation with the Human Rights mechanisms by issuing an open invitation to the special procedures, and we note with appreciation that Tunisia has ratified 14 international Human Rights treaties.

We recommend Tunisia to continue efforts to strengthen the education system in particular access to education in rural areas.

I thank you,