**28th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

**Statement by South Sudan, Review of the Republic of Benin**

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Mr. Vice President,

South Sudan welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Benin to the third cycle of the UPR Working Group, Led by H.E. the Keeper of the Seals and Minister of Justice and Legislation.

My delegation notes with satisfaction that Benin has adopted several laws during the second cycle and encourages it to continue adopting other pending laws.

We commend the government of Benin for incorporating provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) into the Children’s Code, and also for ratifying several regional and international legal instruments.

We note that Benin has implemented a number of recommendations of the second cycle of the UPR, in spite of the challenges it encountered during the implementation phase.

South Sudan recommends Benin to continue its efforts to reduce the prevalence of (FGM) in the country.

We wish to them all the success in the implementation of the recommendations.

I thank you Mr. Vice President,