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# Human Rights Council

**40th session of the UPR Working Group Review of South Sudan**

***(31 January 2022)***

# Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine

**Mister President,**

report.

Ukraine thanks the delegation of South Sudan for presentation of its National

While taking note of continued cooperation of the Government of South Sudan

with the Office of the High Commissioner, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, we express concern regarding reported violence against civilians, abductions including of children and all forms of sexual violence.

We are further alarmed by the arbitrary arrests and detention or enforced disappearance of persons exercising their freedoms of expression or of peaceful assembly.

With a view to improving the situation, we **recommend** to:

* ratify the international human rights treaties, to which it is not a party yet;
* adopt a moratorium on executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty;
* take all necessary measures to ensuring accountability for the crimes against civilians;
* improve access to adequate housing, safe drinking water and adequate sanitation, as well as to health care services;
* redouble the efforts to improve the safety and security of journalists and human rights defenders.

# I thank you!