**STATEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI ON THE UPR PROCESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN**

The Kingdom of Eswatini warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of South Sudan, and welcome developments made since the last review process in spite of the impact of the COVID Pandemic- such as the Girls Education South Sudan Programme (GESS). Eswatini further acknowledges readiness of the Government of South Sudan to render unhindered access to the United Nations, African Union and various international organizations. Eswatini encourages South Sudan to continue strengthening laws on gender-based violence, in order to ensure justice for victims and survivors.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend South Sudan to:

* accede to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
* Continue efforts to strengthen its health system by ensuring women and girls have access to healthcare services even in rural settings.
* Continue efforts to improve the rights of women and girls, especially those. living with disabilities.
* Continue efforts to ensure quality education to all children including girls living in rural settings.

In conclusion, the Kingdom of Eswatini wishes South Sudan success in its Review.

I thank you.