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**Canada’s recommendations for South Sudan’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the delegation from South Sudan and appreciates its engagement in the Universal Periodic Review process. Canada recommends that South Sudan:

1. Accelerate the implementation of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan to engender respect and protection of the rights of citizens in line with international law and South Sudan’s Transitional Constitution.
2. Ensure that civic space remains open and avoids actions and restrictions that unduly limit freedom of expression and opinion, including for human rights defenders, journalists and civil society actors.
3. Accede to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
4. Finalize the process of establishing the Hybrid Court of South Sudan, and other transitional justice mechanisms to address violations committed during the conflict and to help address historical human rights violations in South Sudan.