**The 36th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Maldives,**

**Statement of the Republic of South Sudan**

Madam President

The Republic of South Sudan welcomes the delegation of Maldives and thank them for the National Report.

South Sudan appreciates Maldives’s efforts on the improving of the human rights situation in the Country.

South Sudan wishes to recommend the following:

1. Redouble efforts of the working process to bring the changes envisaged in the new Constitution within the existing and long-entrenched structural and normative constraints..
2. Accede and implement the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Stateless and the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol.
3. safeguard to the right to freedom of religion or belief, right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion is duly recognized and respected in accordance with relevant to national human rights law.

We wish Maldives all the best and successful review.

I thank you

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