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 **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

 **South Sudan**

 **Addendum**

 **Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review**

 I. Introduction

1. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), established in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its fortieth session from **24 January to 11 February 2022**. The review of South Sudan was held at the 11th meeting, on 31 January 2022. The delegation of South Sudan was headed by ***Hon. Justice Ruben Madol Arol, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs***. At its 15th meeting, held on 4 February 2022, the Working Group adopted the report on South Sudan. On 12 January 2022, the Human Rights Council selected the following group of rapporteurs (troika) to facilitate the review of South Sudan: ***Côte d’Ivoire, France, and the Republic of Korea.***

2. A list of questions in advance of the UPR session made by ***Belgium, Germany, Liechtenstein, Panama, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America*** was transmitted to South Sudan through the troika.

3. The Human Rights Council noted that South Sudan had gained independence in July 2011 and the first review of South Sudan as an independent country had taken place in November 2016. The South Sudan second UPR cycle report outlined progress on the promotion and protection of human rights in the country and developments in the implementation of the previous 203 accepted recommendations received during the first review. The Human Rights Council also acknowledged that, in 2019, South Sudan had also submitted an interim report outlining achievements thus far in the implementation of the accepted recommendations. South Sudan in the second review further highlighted progress made in implementation of the *Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS, 2018), among incorporation of the Agreement* into the Transitional Constitution, 2011; amendment of the National Security Service Act, 2014; National Police Service Act, 2009; Sudan Peoples’ Liberation Army Act, 2009; National Prisons Service Act, 2011; and the Political Parties Act, 2012.

 II. Interactive dialogue and responses by the State under review

4. During the interactive dialogue, 87 delegations made statements and some made 258 recommendations. The recommendations made are to be supportedor noted. The noted recommendations shall be deemed to have been rejected by the Government because they may be in contradictions with national priorities, policies or laws. Therefore, it is expected that the National Council of Ministers is to deliberate over the attached recommendations before their submission to the Human Rights Council for adoption on a date no later than 8th April.2022. The recommendations are as follows:

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