

Statement of the Republic of South Sudan

Human Rights Council

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Mr President

Mrs. Grace Datigoo

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and gentlemen

At the outset allow me to extend my thanks and appreciations to the independent expert for his report and the call upon the parties to the comprehensive Peace Agreement, namely the Government of Sudan and the SPLM to resolve their differences over the remaining issues through negotiations and dialogue.

The delegation of the Republic of South Sudan welcomes the Report and commends the work of the rapporteur and all his efforts exerted to find facts about human rights Situation in South Sudan

As a new country in the international system, I would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate the commitment of the government of the Republic of South Sudan to promote and protect Human Rights.

The South Sudan Human Rights Commission since then is actively making its presence felt and known to the government and the general public, and it has started establishing itself across the territory of South Sudan to better monitor compliance all over the country

Mr President , distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen

Concerning the issues raised in the report on the violation of human Rights in South Sudan, including inter-communal violence, the fighting between the SPLA and the rebel groups, the abuses perpetrated by the security forces of South Sudan.

I would like to make the following observations:

- 1- The government is not involved in any incident of human Rights violation related to all the cases mentioned in the report.
- 2- The main causes of the inter-communal violence in some parts of the country are poverty, cattle rustling and the spread of weapons as a result of the long civil war. To address this problem, the government has started to disarm the communities and organize peace meetings among them, it is also encouraging citizens to peacefully co-exist.
- 3- The security forces as institutions don't violate the human Rights and our national army the SPLA and police services are well known for their respect of human Rights because the prisoners of war whom we captured during the battles of liberation struggle were handed over to the opponents

entire bill of Rights . These provisions have been the commitment of the leadership of the Republic towards promotion, protection and respect for Human rights and fundamental freedoms.

8- As the Republic of South Sudan is only two months old in the statehood, our justice system and legal protection mechanism is still crawling and needs to be strengthened

9- The government is striving to enact domestic laws as part of our constitutional efforts to avail access to justice to our people.

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I would like to bring to your attention the abuse of human Rights committed by the lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in South Sudan. The LRA has killed, abducted, and rearmed, raped, tortured the people of Western Equatoria and western Bahar Elghazel states in South Sudan.

Up to date there are over 200,000 people displaced in this two states and over 120,000 refugees have crossed into South Sudan from DRC and CAR. The Human Rights Council as well as the whole of the international community need to take up the issues of the LRA seriously to bring this situation to an end.

Thank you