



**Intervention of Slovenia  
Review of Republic of South Sudan  
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Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of South Sudan for the national report and notes with appreciation the ratifications of some core international human rights instruments.

However, we are appalled by the reports on continuous violations and abuses of human rights, as well as violations of international humanitarian law, that can amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Slovenia would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- To investigate all cases of human rights violations and abuses and prosecute those responsible without exceptions and immunity;
- To stop and prevent violations and abuses of children's rights, including by actively preventing and combatting recruitment and use of children in hostilities by parties to the conflict.
- To strengthen the efforts to prevent discrimination and violence against women and girls, including by eradication of harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage;

In this regard Slovenia remains very concerned by reports on the inferior status of women and girls in particular by high rates of their illiteracy, maternal mortality, teenage pregnancies and child, early and forced marriages.

Thank you.