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South Sudan aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the LMG and welcomes the annual report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka; we take note of the comprehensive report of HC.

My delegation welcomes the visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants to Sri Lanka in May 2014 and commends Sri Lanka continues engagement with mechanisms of the Council. We recognize the progress made by the Government in restoration of the education system in the conflict-affected areas with 1,105 primary schools upgraded; and we appreciate the Government allocation of additional financial resources for restitution and compensatory relief in 2014.

We applaud the work of Presidential Commission of Inquiry to investigate cases of abduction and disappearance of residents in the north and east of the country, which paramount achievements in finding the truth and erase the trauma of the families of the abductees, Moreover; we encourage the commission to accelerate conducting the investigations of complaints received by the families.

My delegation totally rejects polarization of human rights and politically motivated agendas. Therefore, in compliance with resolution 5/1 regarding institutional building of the Human Rights Council my delegation encourages genuine constructive dialogue and cooperation of OHCHR and the international community to support Sri Lanka, endeavor to strengthen promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you,