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Human Rights Council
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Gabon (on behalf of the Group of African States): Draft Resolution
Technical assistance and capacity building for South Sudan in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

PP.1. Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, Also guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and relevant human rights treaties to which South Sudan is party,

PP.2. Emphasizing that States have the primary responsibility for the promotion and protection of human rights,

PP.3. Recalling Human Rights Council Resolutions 21/28 of 28 September 2012 and 18/17 of 29 September 2011 on technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan,

PP.4. Recognizing the challenges of institution and State building facing South Sudan, the administration of justice and the rule of law, the protection of the rights of women and the enjoyment of civil, political, social and economic rights, and commending the steps being taken to address those challenges,

PP.5. Welcoming the commitments made by the Government of South Sudan to strengthen national mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, and calling upon the Government implement those commitments,

PP.6. Expressing concern at the continuation of inter-communal fighting and calling upon the Government to raise awareness and enforce appropriate legal frameworks in the country,

PP.7. Welcoming the steps taken by the Government of South Sudan in the protection

and promotion of human rights, in particular to build the capacity of the Human Rights Commission *and calling upon* the Government to take steps to ensure the independence of the South Sudan Human Rights Commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles,

PP.8. *Welcoming* the Government's support of the UN Plan of Action on Safety of Journalists and the issue of impunity,

OP.1. *Calls upon* the Government of South Sudan to implement legally-binding international and regional human rights instruments to which it is party;

OP.2. *Takes note* of the Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan;

OP.3. *Requests* the Government to take steps to tackle impunity and improve the justice system, including improvement of the training of government officials to foster a culture of accountability;

OP.4. *Requests* Member States, relevant United Nations agencies and stakeholders to support, as a matter of urgency, the national efforts of the Government of South Sudan on technical assistance and capacity-building to include training and workshops in human rights education to overcome challenges in the areas of security and to promote respect for human rights;

OP.5. *Requests* the Government take steps to further strengthening the independence of the South Sudan Human Rights Commission enabling it to contribute to promotion and protection of the human rights of South Sudanese people;

OP.6. *Requests* the High Commissioner to report the situation of human rights in South Sudan; to work with the Government of South Sudan to provide technical assistance; and to further identify additional areas of assistance to strengthen South Sudan's capacity to fulfill its human rights obligations and commitments;

OP.7. *Also requests* the Office High Commissioner to submit an interim written report

to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-sixth session and a final report at the 28th session of the Human Rights Council on the progress of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights;

OP.8. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.