Since the outbreak of the conflict in December 2013, the situation in South Sudan has dramatically deteriorated, and become one of the worst human rights and humanitarian crises in the world today. Unprecedented levels of violence have seen indiscriminate killings, rape, sexual violence, abduction, destruction of properties and the recruitments of children. Increasing attacks on journalists and media restriction are also of great concern. **Seven journalists have already been killed this year**, and a relentless campaign of intimidation and attacks against journalists has been implemented.

This event will address the issues of accountability and transitional justice for South Sudan, and discuss ways in which the Human Rights Council can take action to fulfill its mandate. It will include a **panel discussion by South Sudanese activists** on the deteriorating human rights situation in South Sudan and will seek to build upon the resolution adopted under Item 2 in June 2015. The event will also coincide with the **oral interim report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Council** and the **UN Panel of Experts Interim Report** on South Sudan respectively.

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