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South Sudan NGO Forum Statement on the Formation of the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity

February 27 2020—The South Sudan NGO Forum celebrates and thanks the President, First Vice President and all signatories to the Revitalised Peace Agreement for the formation of the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity as a vital historic step for South Sudanese leaders to demonstrate a lasting commitment to peace and to provide public services to all South Sudanese.

After more than six years of internal conflict where civilians suffered greatly, along with the people of South Sudan, the NGO community longs for peace and looks forward with great hope to the positive returns this new era can bring for the nation.

South Sudan is one of the riskiest environments worldwide for humanitarians. The South Sudan NGO Forum hopes that the formation of a new Transitional Government of National Unity will allow for the easing of bureaucratic impediments, protection of humanitarian assets, and enhancing the safety of aid workers for effective delivery of humanitarian and resilience interventions and assistance.

As His Excellency, President Salva Kiir Mayardit, pledged on his Independence Day speech of July 9, 2011 referring to the CPA years, “because of the daunting challenges the consequence has been the inability to deliver basic services to our people. We are grateful to the international community for addressing the gap. As an independent country, we must focus on the process of service delivery and development. This is only possible if we have a government whose first, second, and final priorities are public interest, public interest, and public interest.” It is the hope and prayer of the NGO community that a new government will realise such a wonderful vision for the great nation of South Sudan whose land and people have such great potential.

According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report released in February 2020, some **6.5 million people in South Sudan**—more than half of the population—could be in acute food insecurity at the height of this hunger season and **1.3 million children** will suffer from acute malnutrition in 2020. As this new chapter begins, with leaders committed to peace, we hope that such suffering will be averted, the situation will not get worse, and that South Sudan will grow towards self-reliance for food security.

Although much has happened since July 9, 2011 when the South Sudanese flag was raised for the first time, South Sudanese still hope for a country of peace, justice, and prosperity.

South Sudan NGO Forum remains committed to serve persons in need and looks forward to stronger collaboration with the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity to enable members of the NGO Forum to reach the most vulnerable across South Sudan where there is need.

South Sudan NGO Forum

South Sudan NGO Forum comprises 116 INGOs and 263 NNGOs providing assistance to the people of South Sudan regardless of ethnic background, political affiliation or religious belief to save lives and improve lives. NGO Forum provides a platform through which NGOs, the Government of South Sudan, the United Nations, donors and other external stakeholders can exchange information, share expertise and establish guidelines for a more networked, efficient and effective use of aid resources in South Sudan.

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