



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH SUDAN BY YASMIN SOOKA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION, ON THE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE PRE-TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF THE REVITALISED AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN SOUTH SUDAN

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"The Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan notes the agreement, reached in Kampala on November 7 by the parties to the South Sudan revitalised peace agreement, to extend by 100 days the deadline for the formation of the national unity government. The Commission urges all parties to the revitalised peace agreement to work with renewed urgency to resolve the outstanding issues, including security arrangements, the number of states, and the outstanding payment by the Government of South Sudan for the peace process.

"South Sudanese are desperate for peace so they can begin the task of rebuilding their lives and develop the potential of their country following years of conflict. Leaders of the parties in the conflict owe it to the people of South Sudan to work in good faith to implement all aspects of the peace agreement, including Chapter 5, which provides for establishment of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Commission, the Reparations and Compensation Authority and the Hybrid Court. Justice and accountability are critical elements for ending cycles of violence and impunity – essential if South Sudan is to achieve sustainable peace. The leaders of South Sudan owe this to their people, who deserve no less."

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