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Draft letter from Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Government of South Sudan

To: Head of UN Mission to South Sudan
Cc: Special Representative of the Secretary General, Hilda Johnson
Heads of Diplomatic Mission Juba

Subject: Government response to unwarranted attack on Benedict Sannoh, UNMISS

I am writing on behalf of the Government of South Sudan to offer our unreserved apologies for the unwarranted and unacceptable attack perpetrated by members of the South Sudan Police Service on your colleague Benedict Sannoh. This should never have happened, and that it did brings great shame on our police service and the county as a whole.

As you will be aware, our Interim Constitution upholds the values of the United Nations and human dignity, something we have long strived for as a people and only with Independence been in a position to realise. We condemn what happened last week in the strongest possible terms.

My colleague, Minister of Interior has commissioned a full investigation of the two officers accused of using excessing force; Furthermore the four soldiers who carried out the attack have been already punished by stripping off their ranks and given extra work for seven days

We would be grateful if you could convey our sincerely apologies to your colleague, Mr. Sannoh, and assure him that everything will be done to ensure this never happens again, that South Sudan will be known and recognised for the values to which we aspire and not the actions of a few misguided individuals.

Yours sincerely

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