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**STATEMENT BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF SPLM-DC PARTY MEMBER TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

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The Office of the President was surprised by the announcement from SPLM-DC Party on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013, to the effect that the appointment of Sisto Olur Erista was not sanctioned by them to replace Yohanis Yor Akol who resigned, as a part time member of the National Constitution Review Commission on the ground that he was not and is not a member of SPLM-DC.

The President of the Republic appointed the said Sisto Olur Erista on the strength of the letter written by the SPLM-DC Acting Secretary General who recommended him to be appointed as a part time member of the aforesaid Commission, which is keeping in line and is in accordance with Article 202(2) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 A.D., which stipulates *inter alia*; that the President of the Republic shall, after consultation with political parties, appoint members to the Commission.

The Presidential Advisor on Legal Affairs this morning contacted the Minority Leader in the National Legislative Assembly, who is a member of SPLM-DC, and he intimated that the Acting SPLM-DC Acting Secretary General had no powers to make any recommendations for the appointment of the Party members to the aforesaid Commission, and to that end, SPLM-DC as a Party would conduct its own internal proceedings to arrest this anomaly of the Acting Secretary General acting impropriety.

Towards that end, the Office of the President denies categorically in no uncertain terms to have acted unilaterally in the appointment of Sisto Olur Erista as SPLM-DC representative to the aforesaid Commission, as alleged by the SPLM-DC Party in its press release on SSTV and other media outlets, dated 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 2013.

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