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Press Release

**Completion of Investigation into the
Un-procedural transfer of USD 7,959,400 to Kenya**

JUBA, September 4th 2013 – In accordance with the powers conferred upon him by section 5(1) of the Investigation Committees Act 2006, H.E. General Salva Kiir Mayardit issued Presidential Order No. 13/2013 on 18th June 2013 constituting an Investigation Committee to investigate into the Un-procedural Transfer of USD 7,959,400 to Daffy Investment Group Ltd. This amount which is the equivalent of SSP 23,578,131 was un-procedurally transferred from the treasury of South Sudan on 9th February 2013 to the said company's Account No. 2027165853 at Barclays Bank in Nairobi, Kenya.

The amount was said to be the price of 62 fire resistant safes which were not even received by then. They were said to have been ordered from the above mentioned company which is owned by one Gaddhaffy Athorbei. The request for the purchase of such safes was by Hon. Deng Alor Kuol who was by then the Minister of Cabinet Affairs. The said amount was paid by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP) and thus came the involvement of the Minister of Finance, Hon. Kosti Manibe Ngai and his Deputy Minister, Dr. Marial Awou Yol. The senior officials of the MoFEP also got involved in the process.

The Investigation Committee did its work and made its finding and recommendations and presented the report to H.E. the President of the Republic today according to the provision of section 25 of the Investigation Committees Act 2006. This Committee which is composed of five very senior and experienced personnel is here to tell the public that it has accomplished its duty which is fact finding and recommendations.

Some members of the public who may not have known what an Investigation Committee is supposed to do have been writing in the internet that the Committee must imprison those who were being investigated. This is unfortunately being said out of ignorance. They must be told that an Investigation Committee does not turn itself into a trial court. We are not a court or a tribunal of any kind. Investigation Committees all over the world do not sentence to imprisonment those being investigated. A Committee is composed for facts finding and then making its recommendations. It may say that a prima facie case of criminal or administrative nature has been established. We have no more role. The report is usually not presented to the public but to him who formed the Committee according to sec. 25(1) of the Investigation Committees Act 2006.

Another unjustified claim by some media and personalities was that we have overspent the days given for this investigation to come to an end. Our response to this is that the Committee was formed on 18.6.2013 to accomplish its work within 60 working days. Until Wednesday, 4.9.2013 as we talk now, we have worked for 53 days. Those who were assuming that we have overshot did not mind counting 24 non-working days as from 18.6.2013 up to 4th September 2013.

Justice John Gatwech Lul
Chairperson, Investigation Committee