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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

Dear reader

I am delighted to introduce the first edition of the Official Government Bulletin.

This is an extremely important publication designed to ensure the public enjoys ready access to key decisions made by both the President and Ministers. During this early period of nation building, it is essential that men and women across South Sudan understand what the Government is doing in their name. This process of engagement will help strengthen the foundations of democracy and the values of justice, liberty and prosperity we all hold dear.

The Government Bulletin is printed by The Government Printing Press. Coming at a time that we are revamping the government web-site and are looking at how the Media Laws might become operational, once fully enacted, all these measures stand as testimony to our determination to ensure that government communications are effective and coherent, that we have the means of becoming fully engaged with the public and responding to their information needs.

I acknowledge the commitment and support of the former Minister and Deputy Minister of Information & Broadcasting, colleagues and the Secretary General of the Government in initiating this project and to the Capacity Building Trust Fund (CBTF) for its support.

We are also indebted to officials in the office of the President, the Ministries of Cabinet Affairs and Information & Broadcasting, the Public Information Centre, the Government Printing Press and indeed all Government Ministries and Institutions for collaborating in the production of this first edition of the Official Government Bulletin. We hope the Bulletin will prove informative and we look forward to receiving feedback.

Yours sincerely



MICHAEL MAKUEI LUETH

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**KEY PRESIDENTIAL DECREES & ORDERS,
JANUARY – OCTOBER 2013**

REPUBLICAN DECREES

**APPOINTMENT OF HON. TELAR RING DENG
AS THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ON LEGAL
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Republican Decree No. 65/2013 issued on September 17th, 2013 appointed Presidential Advisor on Legal Affairs, Hon. Telar Ring Deng. The decree was issued under Article 101(i) of Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**RELIEF OF HON. TELAR RING DENG
AS THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

Republican Decree No. 64/2013 issued on September 17th, 2013 relieved Hon. Telar Ring Deng as Minister of Justice. The decree was issued under Article 112(1) of Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN**

Republican Decree No. 62/2013 issued on August 23rd, 2013 appointed the Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan. The decree was issued under Article 107(1) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL
DEPUTY MINISTERS**

Republican Decree No. 57/2013 issued on July 31, 2013 appointed the national deputy ministers of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan. The decree was issued under Article 117(1) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MINISTERS

Republican Decree No. 56/2013 issued on July 31, 2013 appointed the national ministers of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan. The decree was issued under Article 112(1) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**AFFIRMATION OF THE CONTINUITY
OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FOR LEGAL
AFFAIRS**

Republican Decree No. 55/2013 issued on July 31, 2013 affirmed the continuity of the Presidential Advisor for Legal Affairs. The decree was issued under Article 101(i) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**RELIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Republican Decree No. 54/2013 issued on July 31, 2013 relieved Hon Aggrey Tisa Sabuni from the position of the Presidential Advisor on Economic Affairs. The decree was issued under Article 101(u) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

RELIEF OF NATIONAL DEPUTY MINISTERS

Republican Decree No. 51/2013 issued on July 23, 2013 relieved all the national deputy ministers of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan from office. The decree was issued under Article 117(1) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

RELIEF OF NATIONAL MINISTERS

Republican Decree No. 50/2013 issued on July 23, 2013 relieved all the national ministers of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan from office. The decree was issued under Article 112(1) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took

RELIEF OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Republican Decree No. 49/2013 issued on July 23, 2013 relieved Dr Riek Machar Teny as the Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan from office. The decree was issued under Article 104(2) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

TERMINATION OF 17 POLICE BRIGADIERS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

Republican Decree No. 48/2013 issued on July 23, 2013 terminated seventeen (17) police brigadiers from active service and transferred them to the non-active list. The decree was issued under Section 34(f) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF JUDGES

Republican Decree No. 41/2013 issued on June 20, 2013 accepted the resignation of three judges from the Judiciary of the Republic of South Sudan. The judges were John Clement Kuc, Appeal Court Judge; Theji Da Duot Deng, First Grade County Judge; and Francis Luiji Adwok, Second Grade County Judge. The decree also prohibited John Clement Kuc from practicing as an advocate during the first year following his resignation from judicial service as required by the provisions of Section 62(2) of the Judiciary Act, 2008. The decree was issued under section 62(1) of the Judiciary Act, 2008 and came to force immediately.

SIX OFFICERS REINSTATED IN SECURITY SERVICE

Republican Decree No. 39/2013 on the 14th June 2013 reinstated six officers to the National Security Service with effect from 12th June 2013 in accordance with Article 97(3) read together with Article 100(u) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 A.D. The officers reinstated were: Brig. Gen.

Thoi Chany Thian, Lt. Col. Aciec Kuot Kuot, Major Deng Kuoc Malek, Major William Oyet Omoro, Major Stephen Kuet Gac and Captain Ofeni Ngota Amittai.

COLONEL OF POLICE ISAAC KUOC DUOTH REINSTATED, PROMOTED BRIGADIER GENERAL AND RETIRED

Republican Decree No. 37/2013, May 21, 2013 reinstated and promoted Colonel of Police Isaac Kuoc Duoth from the rank of Colonel to the Rank of Brigadier General in South Sudan Police Service and retired him with effect from the date of his relief from the post of Commissioner in accordance with section 32 (3) of the Police Service Act 2009.

TEN POLICE OFFICERS PROMOTED MAJOR GENERALS

Republican Decree No. 36/2013, May 7th, 2013 promoted ten (10) police officers from the rank of Brigadier General to the rank of Maj. General. The promoted officers are: Maj. Gen. Augustino Maduot Parek, Maj. Gen. Gai Manyang Dot, Maj. Gen. Majok Dut Ajak, Maj. Gen. Deng Akecak Jok, Maj. Gen. Matiang Garam Deng, Maj. Gen. James Bol Nyok, Maj. Gen. Louis Gatkuoth Luak, Maj. Gen. Edward Dimitri Lokak, Maj. Gen. Charles Boza Eywa and Maj. Gen. Santo Lemi Loguanga. This was done in accordance with section 32 (3) of the Police Service Act 2009.

DISMISSAL OF AJONYE PERPETUA PAYA

Republican Decree No. 35/2013 issued on May 7, 2013 dismissed Ajonye Perpetua Paya from the position of Head of Legal Administration for Legislative Drafting in the Office of the President. The decree was issued under Article 101(u) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan. It came to force with immediate effect.

1ST CLASS JUDGE, DISMISSED

Republican Decree No. 34/2013, on 7th May 2013 dismissed Ajonye Perpetua Paya as a 1st Class Judge in the Judiciary of the Republic of South Sudan.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES MAYEN OKA AS COUNSEL GENERAL

Republican Decree No. 33/2013 issued on April 29, 2013 reappointed James Mayen Oka as Counsel General with his previous seniority in the Ministry of Justice in accordance with Section 32(1) of the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development Act, 2008.

2ND UNDERSECRETARY FOR MINING, APPOINTED

Republican Decree No. 30/2013, on 22nd March 2013 appointed Dr. Andu Esbon Adde as the 2nd Undersecretary for Mining in the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining in accordance with section (13) of Civil Service Act, 2011 A.D.

APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF ABYEI JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Republican Decree No. 29/2013 issued on March 18, 2013 appointed the Co-Chairperson, Edward Lino Abyei, and members of the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee in accordance with Article 101(j) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan.

RELIEF OF ABYEI JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE LEADERS

Republican Decree No. 28/2013 issued on March 18, 2013 relieved Dr Luka Biong Deng and Edward Lino Abyei as Co-Chairperson and Member, respectively, of the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee. The decree was issued under Article 101(j) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and based on the Agree-

ment of the Temporary Arrangements for the Administration of Abyei Area of June 2011. The decree came to force with immediate effect.

CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, APPOINTED

Republican Decree No. 27/2013, February 26, 2013 appointed General Agasio Akol as the Chairperson of the South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority. The decree also appointed Hon. Mark Nyipuoc, Hon. David Oker, Capt. Mukthar Swaka, Eng. Wonde Ade Kenyi, Mr. Cirillo Mawien and Mr. Felix Deng as members of the Board of Directors for the authority in accordance with section 10 (1) of the Civil Aviation Authority Act 2012.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES COUNCIL

Republican Decree No. 26/2013 issued on February 20, 2013 appointed a full time chairperson and seven part time members of the Political Parties Council. The decree was issued in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Political Parties Act, 2012.

118 SPLA OFFICERS RELIEVED

Republican Decree No. 25/2013, on 14th February 2013 relieved 118 SPLA officers from active service and transferred them to the reserve list under Article 153(2) of the Transitional constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 A.D read together with section 13(b) of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) ACT, 2009.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE BANK OF SOUTH SUDAN

Republican Decree No. 23/2013, appointed Dr. Suzan Deng as the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Bank of South Sudan in accordance

with Article 101(u) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan, 2011.

**1ST LT. GENERAL PHILIP OKALLA LIDU
TRANSFERRED TO WILDLIFE**

Republican Decree No. 21/2013, transferred 1st Lieutenant Phillip Okala Lidu from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism with effect from 30th January 2013 in accordance with section 27(2) of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) ACT, 2009.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF POLICE**

Republican Decree No. 19/2013, issued on January 31, 2013 appointed Lt Gen Andrew Kuol Nyuon Gew as the Deputy Inspector General of Police. The decree was issued under section 26(1) of the Police Service Act, 2009. It came to force with immediate effect.

**MAJ. GENERAL OF POLICE ANDREW KUOL
NYUON GEW PROMOTED TO LT. GENERAL
OF POLICE**

Republican Decree No. 18/2013, January 31, 2013 promoted Maj. Gen. of Police Andrew Kuol Nyuon Gew from the rank of Maj. General to the rank of Lt. General in accordance with section 32 (3) of the Police Service Act 2009.

**LT GEN. PIENG DENG KUOL
PROMOTED TO GENERAL**

Republican Decree No. 17/2013, January 31, 2013 promoted the Inspector General of Police Lt. General Pieng Deng Kuol from the rank of Lt. General to the rank of General, in accordance with section 32 (3) of the Police Service Act 2009.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF
REFUGEES AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Republican Decree No. 16/2013, issued on January 23, 2013 appointed Mr. Bol John Akot Kon as the Commissioner of Refugees Affairs. The decree was issued under Section 14(1) of the Refugees Act, 2012 and came into force with immediate effect.

**APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF POLICE**

Republican Decree No. 15/2013, issued on January 22, 2013 appointed Lt. Gen. Pieng Deng Kuol as the Inspector General of Police. This was in accordance with Article 155(4) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan, 2011.

**SIX SPLA OFFICERS APPOINTED
DEPUTIES TO CHIEF OF STAFF**

Republican Decree No. 11/2013, January 21st 2013 appointed Six Deputies to the SPLA Chief of General Staff according to Article 153(1) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 A.D read together with Section 149 (e) of the Sudan People's Liberation Army Act 2009. The Deputies are: Lt. Gen. Thomas Cirilo Swaka for Training, Lt. Gen. James Ajongo Mawut for Operation, Lt. Gen. Malek Ruben for Logistics, Lt. Gen. Malual Ayom Dor for Administration, Lt. Gen. Mangar Buong Aluenge for Inspection, Lt. Gen. Chol Thon Balok for Morale Orientation.

**RELIEF OF INSPECTOR OF
POLICE AND HIS DEPUTY**

Republican Decree No. 09/2013, issued on January 21, 2013 relieved General Acuil Tito Madut from the position of Inspector General of Police. The same decree also relieved General Kur Micah Deng Kur from the position of Deputy Inspector General of Police. The

decree was issued under Article 97(3) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan read together with section 34(h) of the Police Service Act, 2009. The decree came to force with immediate effect.

TWENTY FOUR SENIOR SPLA OFFICERS REMOVED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

Republican Decree No.08/2013, January 21, 2013 removed twenty four (24) senior SPLA officers from the active list and put them in the reserve list. The removed senior SPLA officers include: Maj. Gen. Peter Bol Koang, Maj. Gen. Maj. Gen James Yiec Biet, Maj. Gen James Gatduel Gatluak, Maj. Gen Salva Chol Ayat, Maj. Gen Matur Chuot Dhuol, Maj. Gen John Mayiik Jaw, Maj. Gen Andrea Dominic Safer, Maj. Gen Peter Pernyang Daniel, Maj. Gen Dau Aturjong Nyual, Maj. Gen Bol Akot Bol, Maj. Gen Kitchner Morthan Kolen, Maj. Gen Simon Gatwich Dual, Maj. Gen Samuel Mayiik Machar, Maj. Gen James Othow Along, Maj. Gen Peter Dor Manjur, Maj. Gen John Both Tany, Maj. Gen Sadam Chayuot Manyang, Maj. Gen John Machan Atem, Maj. Gen Thomas Tot Bangoang, Maj. Gen Elias Lado Sworo, Maj. Gen Abraham Jok Aring, Maj. Gen Garang Akok Adut, Maj. Gen Garang Bul Pager and Maj. Gen Michael Makol Deng Anyang. This was done in accordance with article 153 (2) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 AD, read together with section 13 (b) of the Sudan People's Liberation Army Act 2009.

ELEVEN SPLA OFFICERS RELIEVED

Republican Decree No. 07/2013 of January 21, 2013 relieved eleven (11) senior SPLA officers from active service and put them in the reserve list until they are re-assigned. The eleven (11) relieved senior SPLA Officers include: Lt. Gen. Obuto Mamur Mete, Lt. Gen. Biar Atem Ajang, Lt. Gen. Pieng Deng Kuol, Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Lt. Gen. Wilson Deng Kuoirot, Lt. Gen. Kuol Deim Kuol, Maj. Gen. Augustino Jadalla

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LAKES GOVERNOR RELIEVED

Republican Decree No. 06/2013, issued on January 21, 2013 relieved Engineer Chol Tong Mayay from the position of Governor of Lakes State. The decree was issued in accordance with Article 101(r) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and came into effect the same day. The same decree mandated the Deputy Governor to act in the position until further notice.

REPRESENTATIVE OF SPLM-DC APPOINTED TO CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMISSION

Republican Decree No. 04/2013, January 18th 2013 appointed Sisto Olur Erista as a part-time member representing the SPLM-DC party to the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) as from January 18th 2013. The appointment was in accordance with Article 202 (2) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of Sudan.

DR. PAWIL AROP YOR APPOINTED MEMBER OF MEDICAL TEAM

Republican Decree No. 02/2013, appointed Dr. Pawil Arop Yor Ayik as a member of Medical Team with effect from 10th January 2013 A.D., under Article 100(u) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 A.D.

REPUBLICAN ORDERS**FOUR MAJOR GENERALS AND ONE
POLITICIAN WHO TOOK ARMS
AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH SUDAN GRANTED PARDON**

Republican Order No. 18/2013 issued on October 10, 2013, granting of pardon to four generals Maj. General Gabriel Tang Chan, Maj. Gen. Thomas Mabour Dhol, Maj. Gen. James Gatwich Joak, Maj. Gen. Simon Gatwich Dual and one politician Mr. Peter Abdul Rahman Sule. The order was issued under Article 97(3) read together with Article 101(h) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**DR. LAM AKOL GRANTED PARDON
TO RETURN HOME**

Republican Order No. 17/2013 issued on October 10, 2013, granting of pardon to Dr. Lam Akol Ajawin, by this pardon, he is free to come back home. The order was issued under Article 97(3) read together with Article 101(h) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL MINISTRIES

Republican Order No. 16/2013 issued on August 4, 2013 amended the national ministries structure and increased the number of ministries to 21. It was issued under Article 101(b) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**RESTRUCTURING AND
REDUCTION OF MINISTRIES**

Republican Order No. 14/2013 issued on July 23, 2013 restructured and reduced the number of the ministries of the national government of the Republic of South Sudan to nineteen (19). The order was issued under Article 101(b) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan and took effect immediately.

**COMMITTEE TO INTEGRATE
ARMED GROUPS FORMED**

Republican Order No. 11/2013, on 6th June 2013 formed a Committee for integrating the armed groups under the command of Gen. Baping Monytil Wicjang and Maj. Gen. Johnson Oling. The committee was headed by Lt. Gen. Thomas Cirilo Swaka of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) with membership of Maj. Gen. Yuanis Yual-SPLA, Maj. Gen. Ajak Deng Biar- SPLA, Brig. Gen. Kulang Mayen SPLA Military Intelligence, Brig. Gen. Bor Philip - National Security Service and Col. Atem Marol Biar - National Police Service. The committee had 30 days to report to the President. The Republican Order was issued under Article 101(j) read together with Article 97(3) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 A.D.

**LIFTING OF IMMUNITY OF
COL. JAMES MAYIEK CHOL KIIR**

Republican Order No. 10/2013, on 6th June, 2013 lifted the immunity of Police Col. James Mayiek Chol Kiir for investigation on allegation connected with murder of Malek Lobo Monyjuent. The order was issued in accordance with Section 51(2) of the South Sudan Police Service Act, 2009.

**TRANSFER OF BRIG GEN SANTO
LEMI LOGUANGA**

Republican Order No. 08/2013, issued on May 7, 2013 transferred Brigadier General Santo Lemi Loguanga from the National Security Service to South Sudan National Police Service. The order was issued under Section 36(1) of the South Sudan Police Service and came into force immediately.

**FORMATION OF TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE FOR 2ND INDEPENDENCE
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Republican Order No. 07/2013, issued on April 30, 2013 formed a Technical Committee for 2nd Independence Anniversary celebrations. The committee consisted of 20 members headed by the Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan Mr. Abdon Agaw Jok Nhial and Mr. Biel Jock Thick as Secretary of the Committee. The order was issued under Article 101(j) of the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan.

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION
COMMITTEE FORMED**

Republican Order No. 05/2013, on April 22, 2013 directed the formation of the National Reconciliation Committee for Healing, Peace and Reconciliation Conference 2013. The membership of the committee consisted of: His Grace Dr. Daniel Deng Bul of ECS as Chairman, His Lordship Emeritus Bishop Paride Taban as Deputy Chairman and His Lordship Bishop Rudolf Deng Majak, His Lordship Enock Tombe, Moderator Peter Lual Gai, representative of Muslim Community, one representative from each of the ten South Sudan's states, one representative of the women organizations, one representative from the youth organizations and one representative from the civil society organizations, as members.

The terms of reference for the committee are to: develop objectives of national peace and reconciliation; determine short term and medium term activities; research modern and traditional conflict resolution; liaise with the government to provide security, financial support and mobility; solicit funding from local and international bodies and to seek their expertise; form consultative body comprising of South Sudanese elders as an advisory body; and co-opt, where it deems necessary, any relevant member or members and form sub-committees at the state level. The Republican Order made it crystal clear that the National Reconcili-

ation Committee shall be an independent body which shall not be subject to the control or direction from anybody or any institution; and that the government's role shall be to facilitate and provide support where necessary and when called upon. The Republican Order directed all bodies previously formed and established by the Government of the Republic and tasked with national reconciliation to immediately hand over all documents, assets and finances at their disposal to the new committee.

**RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME, SUSPENDED**

Republican Order No. 04/2013, 15th April 2013 suspended the holding of the National Reconciliation Conference under Article 101(b) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 A.D., until the president constitutes and forms a new committee.

**THE PRESIDENCY WITHDRAWS POWERS
FROM VICE PRESIDENT**

Republican Order No. 03/2013, April 15, 2013 withdrew all duly delegated powers assigned to the Vice President of the Republic by the President of the Republic. The Republican Order restricted the Vice President to exercise and discharge only his powers in accordance with the provisions of article 105 (a), (b) and (c) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan.

**FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE LOSS OF MONEY
IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Republican Order No. 01/2013 formed a committee on 20 April, 2013 to investigate the loss of money on 15 and 23 March 2013 from the Office of the President. The order was issued under section 5(1) of the Investigation Committee Act, 2006. The committee comprised of four members led by Justice John Gat-

wic Lul as the Chairperson and Dr Kuyok Abel Kuyok as the Secretary.

**NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
RIGHT HON. SPEAKER AND DEPUTIES
ELECTED**

2nd September 2013

The National Legislative Assembly in its ordinary session on 2nd September 2013 unanimously elected Hon. Manase Magok as Speaker of the Parliament, Hon. Mark Nyipuocho and Hon. Yasmin Samuel were elected deputies.

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESOLUTIONS
JANUARY – OCTOBER**

**NATIONAL DRAFT BUDGET PLAN 2013/2014,
APPROVED**

The Council of Ministers in its regular meeting No. 19/2013 held on 14th June 2013 approved the National Draft Budget Plan and Draft Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 of the amount of SSP 17.3b (Seventeen billion three hundred million South Sudanese Pound Only) with only SSP 9.2B (Nine billion two hundred million South Sudanese Pounds Only) being available for agency spending as per memo dated 11th June 2013 which was presented by the Economic Cluster headed by the minister of Finance and Economic Planning. The Council also approved the inclusion of USD 50M (Fifty million United States Dollars Only) in the Draft Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 as a loan from International Development Association (IDA) which is affiliated to the World Bank earmarked for co-financing the Local Government and Service Delivery Project. The minister of Finance was directed by the Council to allocate some reasonable amount of money to the National Bureau of Statistics to enable it to conduct the population census prior to the general election in 2015. Meanwhile, the minister of Foreign Affairs was also directed to reduce the number of diplomats deployed in South Sudan embassies to reduce expenditure in hard currency and enhance fiscal discipline

under the austerity conditions. The minister of Justice was also directed to initiate an amendment of the National Bureau of Standards Act, 2012 to allow the Office of the President to supervise the bureau instead of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment.

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS COMMENDS
THE PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING**

The Council of Ministers in its extraordinary meeting No. 04/2013 held on 22nd May 2013 which included the leadership of both the National Legislative Assembly and Council of States, Presidential Advisors and SPLM Secretary General and Chief Government Negotiator commended the briefing of the President on the implementation of security arrangements between South Sudan and Sudan and the issues of production and flow of South Sudan oil through Sudan. The Council commended the briefing by the minister of Petroleum and Mining on the oil agreement and related matters. The minister was directed to travel to Khartoum in response to the invitation by his Sudanese counterpart. The Council also directed that a reception be organized at Juba International Airport on 23rd May 2013 for the President of Kenya H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta who was to visit Juba, while on his way to the African Union summit in Ethiopia.

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVES SSP1.7B
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2012/2013**

The Economic cluster in the Council headed by the minister of Finance and Economic Planning presented a memo No. RSS/MoFEP/MO/J/3 dated 9th April 2013 for Supplementary Budget alignment for 2013-2014 which amounted to SSP1.7 billion South Sudanese Pounds which was approved. The Council also approved the budget ceiling for fiscal year 2013-2014 amounting to SSP 8.38billion (Eight billion three hundred eight million South Sudanese Pounds Only) which was presented by the minister of Finance and Economic Planning through memo No. RSS/MoFEP/MO/J/3 dated 9th April 2013. The spending agencies

(ministries & government institutions) are directed to prepare their fiscal year 2013-2014 budgets following their ceilings. The Report by the Stolen Assets Recovery (STAR) team on the dura contracts was also endorsed and the minister of Justice was directed to initiate a full investigation in collaboration with the minister of Finance and Economic Planning and proceed to prosecute those criminals as per memo 11th April 2013 from the minister of Finance and Economic Planning.

CLAIMS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL POST HOLDERS REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENCY

The Council of Ministers in its regular Meeting No. 13/2013 held on Friday 26th April 2013, referred the claims for post service benefits for the former constitutional post holders and parliamentarians from Eastern Equatoria, Lakes, Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Unity, Upper Nile, Warrap, Western Bahr El Ghazal and Western Equatoria states to the Office of the President which would take up the matter with the respective governors. The Council, however, recommended that governors be urged to meet their obligations of paying the privileges stipulated by law, while offering the option that the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of the national government could assist by paying the claims and subsequently deducting the same amount in affordable installments from the monthly subventions for the respective states. The Council further reiterated the responsibility of the national government to meet the post service benefits of any claimant who had been appointed hitherto by the President of the then Government of Southern Sudan, as per memo No. RSS/MCA/MO/J/1/4/9 dated 2nd May 2013 presented by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WELCOMES PLANNED VISIT OF PRESIDENT BASHIR

The Council of Minister in its meeting welcomed the planned visit of President Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir of Sudan to Juba on 12th April 2013. Ministers whose counterparts would be in the Sudanese delega-

tion directed to prepare themselves to discuss bilateral issues with their colleagues.

HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS STRATEGIC PLAN 2013/2018, APPROVED

The Council of Ministers on 22nd March 2013, approved the Strategic Plan 2013-2018 of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs & Disaster Management as per memo No. MHADM/RSS/J/1/42.

SOUTH SUDAN AND ABU DHABI DEVELOPMENT FUND MOU, ENDORSED

The Council of Ministers resolutions of its regular meeting No. 19/2013 held on 15th March 2013 endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between South Sudan & Abu Dhabi Fund for Development. The MOU stipulated the construction of six basic grade schools and three medical centers in South Sudan and was signed on behalf of South Sudan by the Vice President of the Republic on 18th March 2013. The Council urged the Office of the Vice President to ensure that this MOU is operationalized soon to expedite the realization of the benefits of these projects.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DIRECTS PREPARATION FOR WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Council of Ministers also did direct that the committee of undersecretaries being chaired by the Secretary General of the Government reviews, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the document that it had compiled for presentation to the planned Washington Conference. The Council further directed that the concerned ministers and their undersecretaries involved in the preparations for the Washington event shall meet with representatives of the TROIKA at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5th March 2013.

CONSTRUCTION OF PALOCH-PAGAK ROAD GETS APPROVAL

The Council of Ministers further approved the construction of Paloch-Pagak road that connects South Sudan with Ethiopia by utilizing the offer of the Ethiopian Government to build it on the basis of a loan that will be repaid subsequently after the resumption of oil production, as per the presentation of the Minister of Roads and Bridges. The Council directed the Ministries of Roads and Bridges, Petroleum and Mining, Environment, Justice and Finance and Economic Planning to collaborate in negotiating and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on implementation of this project with the Ethiopian team that will come to Juba for that purpose.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY GETS US\$ 470 MILLION

In its Regular Meeting No. 06/2013 held on 22nd February 2013, the Council of Ministers approved funding to the tune of SSP 470 million (Four hundred seventy million South Sudanese Pounds Only) for implementation of the National Efforts for Transformation (NEAT) proposed by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives and Rural Development according to the memorandum of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperative and Rural Development presented to that meeting.

THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE'S POLICY FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2013/2017, ENDORSED

In its Extra-ordinary Meeting No. 02/2013 held on Tuesday, 22th January 2013, the Council of Ministers approved the Policy Framework and Strategic Plan, 2013-2017 of the Ministry of Labour, Public Service and Human Resource Development, as per memo No. RSS/MLPS & HRD/J/1/4 dated 18th December 2012 presented by the Acting Minister of Labour, Public Service and Human Resource Development.

STATUS OF ANIMAL HEALTH IN SOUTH SUDAN

The Council of Ministers endorsed the report on the status of Animal Health in South Sudan presented by the Minister of Animal Resources and Fisheries as per his memo No. RSS/MARF/MO/J/1.A.2 dated 24th January 2013, in fulfillment of resolution of the Council of Ministers No. 20.2013 dated 27th February 2012. By this endorsement the Council of Ministers approved the National Veterinary Vaccination Calendar for the Republic of South Sudan designed to regularize and mainstream vaccination against contagious animal diseases in the country. It also endorsed the proposal that farmers/pastoralists pay for vaccination of their animals against the major animal diseases and that the national Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries and counterpart state ministries develop rules, regulations and laws for its enforcement.

The Council of Ministers directed the National Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries and counterpart state ministries to develop a system for restrictions of movement of cattle along defined routes in order to conserve pasture and water as well as benefit from the available veterinary services, control the spread of animal diseases and prevent conflict between pastoralists and sedentary agrarian communities. The Council further directed the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning to expeditiously release the amount of SSP 6,507,314 (Six million five hundred seven thousand three hundred fourteen South Sudanese Pounds Only) from the approved budget of the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2013 to enable them to implement the National Veterinary Vaccination Calendar Programme throughout the Republic, starting in February 2013 and directed the Governor of the Bank of South Sudan to collaborate with the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries in mobilizing requisite funding to commercialize the provision of veterinary services and develop the sector and to establish a Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank in line with the initiative for crop agriculture, the petroleum sector and cooperatives development.

NEXT STEPS FOR SUDAN PRODUCTIVE RECOVERY PROGRAM AGREED

The Council of Ministers took note of the Final Report on the Sudan Productive Capacity Recovery Programme (SPCRP) which indicated that the involvement of the European Union (EU) in the model projects under that programme officially ended in December 2012. The Council however directed the line ministries concerned to act in accordance with the recommendations of the independent evaluation team on the SPCRP with the aim to review, prepare action plan and propose budgets to correct the shortfall and operationalize the project sustainably. The Council also welcomed and took note of the initiative of the minister of Finance and Economic Planning of preparing a Weekly Expenditure Report dated 24th January 2013 as the first edition of a regular weekly report that his ministry will be presenting to the Council of Ministers for the purpose of enabling ministers to keep abreast of the execution of their approved budget and making it easy for them to know every week how much funds remains therein.

LT. GEN. PIENG DENG KUOL NOMINATED INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE SERVICE

The Council of Ministers in its regular meeting No. 01/2013 held on 11th Jan 2013 approved the nomination by the President of the Republic of Lt. Gen. Pieng Deng Kuol for appointment as the Inspector General of the National Police Service. In the same meeting, the minister of Cabinet Affairs was directed to coordinate preparations for a meeting scheduled for 6th February 2013 in the United States of America by international partners to consider how South Sudan can cope with its financial crisis triggered by the shutdown of oil production. The ministries involved in the preparations were of Petroleum & Mining, Agriculture & Forestry, Industry & Investment, Electricity & Dams, Finance & Economic Planning, Transport, Roads & Bridges, Housing & Physical Planning, Telecommunication & Postal Services and Wildlife Conservation & Tourism.

Further directives were given to members of the South Sudan Negotiating Team for talks in Addis Ababa between South Sudan & Sudan to brief the Council on the latest round of talks in the regular meeting of the Cabinet on 25th January 2013.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ORDERS CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE STAR HOTEL

The Council of Ministers in the extraordinary meeting No.01/2013 held Tuesday 8th January 2013A, approved the construction of a FIVE STAR HOTEL at the Juba International Airport, as per the memo No. RSS/MHPP/OM/J/20/B of the Minister of Housing and Physical Planning dated 20th December 2012. The Council further directed the Minister to conclude a contract with GHS, a company from the United Arab Emirates, incorporating issues of design, construction and management of the hotel and the period after which the ownership would pass to the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

REQUIREMENTS OF OIL PRODUCTION RESUMPTION APPROVED

In the same extraordinary Council meeting No.01/2013 held on Tuesday 8th January 2013, the Council of Ministers approved the requirement of oil production resumption and sustainability strategy of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining as per the memo of the Minister No. RSS/MPM/J/OM/1/16-(2012) dated 13/11/2012. The package of requirements consists of a strategy for recruiting skilled workforce with improved pay, new and expanded organogram, increased operating and capital budget, absorption of South Sudanese citizens formerly employed by the Ministry of Petroleum in Khartoum before secession but who have since been engaged by the Ministry on provisional basis.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE TO CONVENE

The proposal for convening a national reconciliation conference made by the Presidential Advisor on Centralization according to a concept note entitled, "A Journey of Healing for National Reconciliation - A South Sudan Initiative", introduced to the Council of Ministers by the Vice President of the Republic, has been approved by the Council of Ministers in the extra-ordinary meeting No. 01/2013 held Tuesday 8th January 2013. The Council further affirmed that the organization of the proposed conference shall be led by the Office of the President and that the Peace Commission shall be the focal point. The Council directed all levels of government in the country, as well as political parties, civil society organizations and the faith-based institutions to be involved in the conference. The Council also approved the involvement of international experts and renowned peace promoters in the conference and endorsed an estimated budget of SSP 8,220,045 (Eight million two hundred twenty thousand forty five South Sudanese Pounds Only) for organizing the conference to conduct a national campaign in the states and counties.

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