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### The President's Visit to Paris on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

President of the Republic of South Sudan, General Salva Kiir Mayardit is leaving for the French Capital, Paris, to attend a Summit on Peace and Security in Africa. The Summit is scheduled to take place from December 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Summit will address three important themes. First theme is Peace & Security. The second theme is on Economic Partnership and Development. The third theme will address Climate Change. All these themes are of great importance to the Republic of South Sudan. Our engagement in this multilateral forum lends the President the opportunity to present our perspectives on these critical issues. The Summit avails the Republic the opportunity to represent and advance its case and interest to the world.

The President's delegation will include several senior government officials including two cabinet ministers, namely, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of National Security. The Minister of Foreign Affairs is currently in Paris leading the preparatory process for effective participation of President in the Summit.

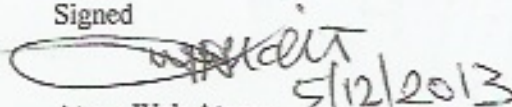
The Summit is expected to be attended by more than 50 Heads of States and Governments. The Majority are expected to be from none-French Speaking countries. Several leaders of European institutions and the Presidents of Regional African Organizations shall attend. The UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon shall participate in the Summit.

During the summit, President General Salva Kiir Mayardit will meet with his counterpart, the French President Francois Hollande, to discuss the mutual interest of both countries including issues related to the fight against terrorism and the critical insecurity and humanitarian situation in Central African Republic.

On the development and economic agenda President Mayardit will discuss, with President Hollande, the work of Total SA, the French multinational oil and Gas Company, which holds significant oil concession in South with the view of speeding up the resumption of its exploration activities in South Sudan.

The President shall visit the French Senate to attend a working breakfast meeting, organized in his honor, by Senator Louis Duvernois, the President of France-Africa Friendship group. The breakfast will be attended by the French business community and the President shall highlight the investment opportunities in South Sudan.

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