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An Open Letter to the South Sudan Football Federation (SSFF) Under Our President Gen. Augustino Maduot Parek.

**Subject: Elevating Our Trophies to International Standards**

I'm writing to you today not just as a football enthusiast, but as someone deeply invested in the growth and professionalization of our sport at the grassroots level. My name is Isaac Mamur Scopas, and I serve as the Secretary of the Yei Football Association with a sincere desire to see our nation's sporting prestige grow on both the continental and global stages and I keenly follow the progress of our leagues and tournaments.

While I commend SSFF's efforts in organizing and promoting football within our country, there is one aspect that I believe warrants immediate attention and strategic improvement: the design and customization of our national trophies.

Currently, it appears that trophies for our esteemed leagues and tournaments are often generic, acquired readily from various shops without unique customization.

While these serve their basic purpose, they fall short of reflecting the significance, history, and unique identity of South Sudanese football.

Think of the iconic trophies in international football – the FIFA World Cup, the Africa Cup of Nations, the UEFA Champions League. These aren't just prizes; they are symbols of excellence, meticulously crafted works of art that embody the spirit of the competition and the nation or continent they represent. They are instantly recognizable and evoke a sense of pride and aspiration.

It is time for South Sudan to adopt a similar approach. We urge the SSFF to cease the practice of purchasing off-the-shelf trophies. Instead, we advocate for a deliberate and thoughtful process of customizing our national trophies to meet international standards.

This is an investment in the future of South Sudanese football, a step towards professionalization and a clear statement of our ambition.

Let us create trophies that truly represent the heart and soul of our beautiful game in South Sudan.

Thank you for considering this vital matter.

Sincerely,



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**Secretary**  
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