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Statement by the Heads of South Sudan Council of Churches on the Current Situation in South Sudan

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body, you are called to peace.” (Colossians 3:15)

We, the Church Leaders of South Sudan Council of Churches, express our grave concerns over the continuing deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in the country.

The suffering of our people has reached a point where silence is no longer an option. Communities are being displaced, civilians are being killed and abducted, roads have become dangerous, humanitarian access is becoming difficult, armed youth mobilisation and intercommunal and political violence continue to threaten the lives and livelihoods of our people.

In Upper Nile State, particularly Nasir and Ulang counties, renewed armed confrontations and mobilisation of armed youth have resulted in deaths, displacement, and disruption of humanitarian access. In Jonglei State, counties including Nyirol, Uror, Ayod and Akobo, Twic East, Duk, and Pibor Administrative Area, fighting, intercommunal violence and armed youth mobilisation are causing civilian deaths, displacement, and humanitarian concerns.

In Unity State, particularly around Bentiu and Ruweng Administrative Area, insecurity continues to affect the displaced and vulnerable communities, while in Warrap State, including Tonj North, Gogrial East and Abyei Administrative Area, intercommunal and revenge-related violence remains a serious concern.

In Equatoria Region, insecurity and attacks along the roads, including Juba-Mundri, Juba-Torit, and Juba-Bor are threatening civilians and humanitarian operations, while parts of Yei River County continue to experience armed insecurity. In Western and Eastern Equatoria, communities continue to face the effects of armed confrontations and displacement.

We therefore call upon the Government, traditional authorities, armed groups, and communities to take immediate action to protect civilians, end violence, and revenge attacks, guarantee humanitarian access and commit themselves to dialogue. We urge all our communities to reject

hatred, retaliation, violence and instead work together for peace, reconciliation, and the protection of our shared destiny.

We therefore call for;

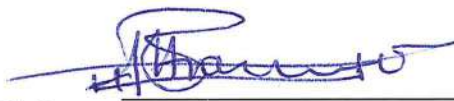
- the immediate cessation of hostilities across the country;
- an end to the mobilisation and arming of ~~youth~~ for violence;
- the protection of civilians in all parts of our country;
- the securing of all roads and river transport corridors connecting our communities;
- safe and unhindered humanitarian access to all affected communities, and;
- strengthened local peace and reconciliation mechanisms.

We have endured decades of conflict. We deserve to live without fear of being killed on the roads, displaced from our homes, abducted from our communities, or caught between armed forces and armed youth. We therefore call upon all conflicting parties and communities to choose restraint over retaliation, dialogue over confrontation and reconciliation over revenge.

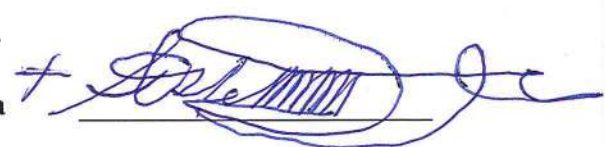
We pray that God will heal our wounded nation and give wisdom to our leaders. May South Sudan become a nation where every community can live in peace and dignity.

With prayers and steadfast hope,

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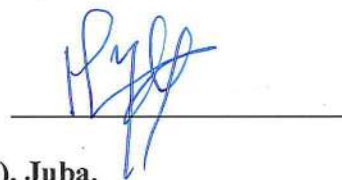


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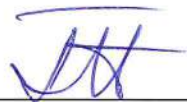
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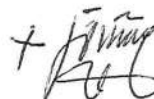
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