

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 17 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Please find attached herewith a note from the Acting Chief Negotiator of the Republic of South Sudan on the progress that our Government is making in the interest of peace with our neighbour, the Republic of the Sudan (see annex). The Republic of South Sudan appeals to the Security Council to ensure that the Republic of the Sudan also adheres to the timely implementation of signed agreements and frameworks.

Kindly accept this submission as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francis Mading **Deng**
Permanent Representative



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The Government of the Republic of South Sudan remains fully committed to achieving enduring peace with the Republic of Sudan and establishing two mutually viable states.

In compliance with Security Council resolution 2046 (2012) and the Agreement on Security Arrangements between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan (27 September 2012), and in line with the implementation plan approved by the two Co-Chairs of the Joint Political and Security Mechanism (19 December 2012), the Government of South Sudan has completed the withdrawal of all its troops south of the centre line on the temporary administrative and security map presented to the parties by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel in November 2011 for the establishment of the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone. This withdrawal has been completed within the time frame (D-day (19 December 2012) plus 28 days) that was agreed by the parties. This is the first step in the separation of forces and the full operationalization of the Zone (10 km withdrawal from the centre line).

At the current meeting of the Joint Political and Security Mechanism, being convened by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel on 14 and 15 January 2013 in Addis Ababa, the Government of South Sudan has also fully accepted the full demilitarization of the “14-mile area”, the land of the Malual Dinka, in accordance with the 1924 Munroe-Wheatley Agreement. This will be completed by D-day plus 47 days. By withdrawing its forces south of the centre line of the temporary administrative and security map of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel and agreeing to the full demilitarization of the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone and the 14-mile area, the Government of South Sudan is clearly demonstrating its full compliance with the signed security agreements and its full commitment to their implementation.

The South Sudan negotiation team is currently in Addis Ababa, under the auspices of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, to finalize the implementation matrix for all the 27 September 2012 agreements, and the Republic of South Sudan is fully committed to the unconditional and timely implementation of all agreements it has signed with the Government of the Sudan. The Government of the Republic of South Sudan expects the Government of the Sudan to similarly implement fully and unconditionally the security agreements and all other agreements embodied in the cooperation agreement of 27 September 2012. These agreements lay the foundations for the mutual viability of both our nations and enduring peace between our peoples.

We thank you again for your continued attention to the important issue of maintaining peace and security between the Sudan and South Sudan.

(Signed) John Luk **Jok**
Acting Chief Negotiator
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(Signed) John Kong **Nyuon**
Minister of Defence
Republic of South Sudan