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Letter dated 11 March 2024 from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you for your kind invitation to have the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission submit written advice, under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, in connection with the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) scheduled for Thursday, 14 March 2024 (see annex).

I kindly ask you to bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and to issue it as a document.

(Signed) Sérgio França **Danese** Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission





Annex to the letter dated 11 March 2024 from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council on South Sudan

11 March 2024

The Peacebuilding Commission welcomes the national peacebuilding priorities framework document of South Sudan and the continued engagement of South Sudan with the Peacebuilding Commission. The Commission wishes to advise the Security Council to consider:

- (a) Reiterating its commitment to supporting the peacebuilding and sustaining peace efforts of South Sudan;
- (b) Recognizing that some progress has been made by the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity and encouraging it to implement all outstanding provisions of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan, in line with agreed timelines;
- (c) Acknowledging some progress in the establishment of the Necessary Unified Forces and calling on the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity to deploy further efforts for the full implementation of all transitional security arrangements, as well as requesting the international community to increase support for the Necessary Unified Forces;
- (d) Calling for the provision of required funds for all the electoral management bodies, including the National Elections Commission and the Political Parties Council, and encouraging the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity to increase its efforts to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in the peace process, electoral processes and in all institutions of the Government, as well as increased engagement of youth and civil society representatives in peacebuilding efforts;
- (e) Calling for the establishment of all outstanding institutions and processes and the development of effective security arrangements that would ensure an environment conducive to the holding of free, fair and credible elections, as well as encouraging the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity to ensure the implementation of a robust code of conduct for all political stakeholders to ensure peaceful, free, fair and credible elections;
- (f) Encouraging the provision of funding for resilience and livelihood development programmes that would assist in addressing the root causes of the conflict, with particular emphasis on youth and women;
- (g) Recognizing that underdevelopment, lack of livelihood, especially for youth, and constraints in the provision of social services are major challenges in the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan and therefore encouraging the international community to increase its support to the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity to address the spiraling downturn in the economy, while taking into account the significant effects of climate-related events such as frequent and intense flooding and localized drought; and encouraging the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity to implement all public financial management reforms;

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- (h) Underscoring the important role of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in advising and assisting South Sudan in line with its mandate, providing technical assistance, capacity-building and logistical support for the electoral process and assisting the transitional Government and the Necessary Unified Forces in the difficult task of providing peace and security leading up to and during the elections in 2024;
- (i) Calling for enhanced coordination and coherent support for the peacebuilding efforts of South Sudan, working alongside the United Nations; the African Union, including its High-level Ad Hoc Committee for South Sudan; the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, including the reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission; national institutions; and civil society;
- (j) Noting with concern the continuing intercommunal violence, especially against women and children and calling on the reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity to strengthen social cohesion in South Sudan, including through community-led peace dialogue processes to increase intercommunal security and national reconciliation initiatives;
- (k) Supporting the enhancement of the capacity of national justice actors across South Sudan to reinforce the rule of law and effectively investigate, prosecute and adjudicate serious crimes, in particular sexual and gender-based violence and conflict-related sexual violence.

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