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**Letter dated 31 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

As you are aware, the Republic of the Sudan has reported to the Security Council that it has withdrawn Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) from the Abyei Area. This has apparently been confirmed by the United Nations and was subsequently welcomed in a statement by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

I regret to inform you that SAF have not in fact withdrawn from Abyei. Rather, SAF troops have been redeployed as police officers within the Abyei Area. There are two platoons of SAF troops in police uniform in Abyei town; two platoons of SAF troops in police uniform in Langer (Goli), 22 km north of Abyei town; and two platoons of SAF troops in police uniform in Agany, 10 km north of Langer (Goli). The Sudan Armed Forces have also established a centre, west of Diffra, for various militias that are engaged in attacks in Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal State and in Abyei Area. It is our understanding that Major General Adam Mohamed is SAF commander in charge of all these forces deployed in the Abyei Area.

The Sudan Armed Forces have also continued to launch ground attacks and aerial bombardments in Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal State. Furthermore, the Sudan continues to violate South Sudanese airspace by conducting flights over Western Bahr-el-Ghazal, Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal and Unity states, as well as Juba.

I recall that Security Council resolution 2046 (2012) sets out the need for the immediate, complete and unconditional end to all fighting, the withdrawal of all forces from Abyei, an end to SAF aerial bombardments, and an end to cross-border violence. My Government therefore demands that the Republic of the Sudan comply fully with all the provisions of resolution 2046 (2012) in both letter and spirit. We respectfully ask the Security Council to require the same.

I would be most grateful if this letter could be circulated to the members of the Security Council as a document.

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