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H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit

President, Republic of South Sudan

Juba, South Sudan

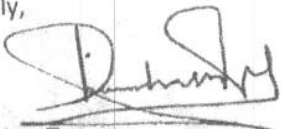
Your Excellency

Re: Report on my visit to common borders of Lakes, Warrap and Unity States

I am attaching the report of my two day work visit to aforesaid states' common borders. In light of this report, I am requesting approval of financial support to the two conferences that are agreed to be held in Madol in Unity and Mayen Jur in Warrap. I am requesting each of the two conferences be supported with SSP 250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand pounds).

The conference in Madol is scheduled for 10th March 2012, while that of Mayen Jur will be on 20th March 2012. These conferences will be attended by chiefs, commissioners, governors, MPs at national and states' level, National Ministers, UN and other development partners.

Yours truly,


Riek Machar Teny,

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Vice President

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1. Lt. General Taban Deng Gai, Unity State
- ✓ 2. Eng. Chol Tong, Governor Lakes State
3. M/s Nyadeng Malek, Governor Warrap
4. Mr. Chol Rambang Lueth, Chairperson Peace and Reconciliation Commission



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Dr. Helde Johnson

Un Secretary General Special Representative

UNMISS

Juba, South Sudan


Your Excellency

Re: Report on my visit to common borders of Lakes, Warrap and Unity States

I am attaching the report of my two day work visit to aforesaid states' common borders. In light of this report, I am requesting support in food logistics and transport for participants of the two conferences that are agreed to be held in Madol in Unity and Mayen Jur in Warrap .

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4. H.E. Joseph Lual Acuil, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management
5. Mr. Chol Rambang Lueth, Chairperson Peace and Reconciliation Commission



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Date: 20th Feb.2012.

**Re: Visit of the Vice President to Lakes, Warap and Unity State from
18th-19th February 2012.**

Upon the request of the three Governors of Lakes, Warap and Unity State and the National Legislative Assembly Members of the three States for the Vice President to visit their States and to witness for himself the security situation caused by cattle rustling among neighboring communities and the aftermath of the recent clash between the police forces in Mayiandit.

The incident has resulted into death of estimated 142 lives and about 300 hundred wounded mostly elderly people, women and children from both sides. The borders of three States witnessed over the past few years repeated incidents of cattle rustling along their borders causing many lives of civilians and thousands of cattle being rustled by unknown gunmen who are believed to be crossing from their respective communities.

The rampant possession of arms by civilians, lack of roads and limited police posts along the borders of these pastoralists communities are some of the key attributes to lack of peace and stability in the triangular border of the three States of Lakes, Warap and Unity.

The Vice President has held three separate consecutive meetings during his two days visit to the three States from 18th to 19th February 2012. The First meeting took place in Rumbek North County (Maper) in Lakes State, the second meeting was held in Tonj East County (Romij) in Warap State and the third meeting in Mayiandit County (Mayiandit) in Unity State. All the three meetings were attended by the three governors and their

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accompanying commissioners, advisors, ministers, paramount chiefs of the three border communities.

The Vice President was accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Interior, three members of South Sudan Legislative Assembly of the three States and senior officials from the office of the President (Director General of National Security and Director General of Policy, Research and Monitoring).

The communities in these three counties made a warm welcome to the Vice President, Governors and the accompanying delegations and had expressed their views, gratitude and appreciation to the Vice President for coming to witness and discuss with them their concerns and issues of peace and stability in their areas. All the three meetings were held in cordial atmospheres and all the focus were on ensuring peace and stability after long years of protracted war with the then government of Sudan.

Key Challenges raised by the Communities Leaders include:

- I. An appealed for successful comprehensive disarmament of all the communities across the three borders,
- II. Lack of roads to ease provision of security and protection,
- III. No telephone Network to connect local authorities to exchange reports and information
- IV. No courts at county and Payam levels to deal with rampant cases of cattle rustling and law non-abiding individual(s) ,
- V. Conflict of Roles between traditional Courts and the Legal Attorney/government Justice Legal Representative.
- VI. Poor implementation and follow up of government policies and resolutions at all levels adversely affected peace and stability (Local Government Act on salaries for chiefs, Wunlit and other peace reconciliations decisions).
- VII. Borders are not clear to the communities across their borders and hence a demarcation border committee is critical to determine the counties and States borders – Madol in Mayiandit County, Unity State is disputed by Lakes (Maper in Rumbek North County).

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The key recommendations and Resolutions: These include:

- I. Successful comprehensive disarmament through transformation and professionalization of our armed forces to ensure no return of arms into the hands of the civilians,
- II. A follow up meeting at Madol in Mayiandit County of Unity State is suggested to be held on 4th March 2012 to bring together the paramount chiefs, community elders, women, youth, local authorities of the bordering counties of Lakes, Warap and Unity to consolidate peace and reconciliation. The three Governors, Members of South Sudan Legislative Assembly representing the areas and others will be in the meeting.
- III. A bigger conference to be held in Rumbek, capital of Lakes State to further Peace and Reconciliation between the three States (Date to be decided),
- IV. Immediate implementation of all the resolutions of Wunlit and other subsequent peace reconciliation conferences. The resolution focuses on provision of security roads, educational, health and peace building facilities/activities.
- V. Completion of present national roads and key Security roads linking Unity State with Lakes and Warap to connect the neighboring county commissioners on matters of security and economic interests,
- VI. Provision of police protection force(auxiliary police preferred) at the cattle camps assembling water-point at swamps areas (toic) during the peak of the summer for the border communities to avoid usual cattle rustling at the end of the summer season when cattle camps are moved back to their respective homes and establishment of airstrip facilities for government officials to visit such location to assure the population at sites,
- VII. Immediate establishment of an investigation committee to the recent incident of Mayiandit where police of Maper in Rumbek North County attacked the Mayiandit county police head quarter resulted in killing of innocent civilians and wounding many others.
- VIII. Establishment of special and local courts to restore justice in an efficient and effective manner.
- IX. The Legal Attorney/Government Attorney functions must clearly be defined to safeguard against overlapping with the functions of the traditional courts and Judicial system,

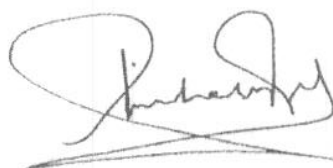
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Women Organization Appeal to the President: Besides their focus on disarmament and civilian protections, the women group of;

- X. Mayiandit Women Group appealed for women empowerment through a Cooperative Multipurpose Project to engage the young ones and to better their income,
- XI. Maper Women Organization urges the President to meet Presidential Pledges for Grinding/milling Machine, girls school, Haffira,
- XII. Tonj East County Women Group appealed for women Center and a multipurpose business project to sustain women activities in the community to build peace.

The Next meeting is scheduled to take place at Madol in Mayiandit County, Unity State on 10th March 2012.

CC/- H.E. Governor of Lakes State,
CC/- H.E. Governor of Lakes, *WARAP STATE,*
CC/- H.E. Governor of Unity State,
CC/- H.E. Deputy Minister of Interior
CC/- Honorable SSLA Members from the Three Triangular Counties.



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