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South Sudan National Movement for Change (SSNMC)

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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On behalf of the SSNMC Interim Leadership and the entire Members of the Movement, we are here to inform the General public that our Chairman Hon. Joseph Bakosoro have decided to re-join the SPLM Party along with other colleagues vide Press Statement dated 15th July 2021 issued at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Regional Cooperation in Juba.

There is nothing wrong with any member of the Party leaving to join another party. That being said however, we would like to assure our members and supporters that the decision of Hon. Joseph Bakosoro, former Chairman of SSNMC and those colleagues who joined him in the decision to return to SPLM Party is purely their personal decision for which we are not a part.

While we regret that this is now happening during the implementation of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS) 2018, we affirm that as a party governed on the basis of democracy, good governance and the rule of Law, members have rights to join any other political formations safe that a clear declaration to that effect is made.

NMC is a grass root Movement with members across the country. As co-founders and prominent members, we cannot allow the Party to run into abeyance. We therefore urge those members who have remain behind and our supporters to remain calm and focus on the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement. On the same note, we assure our colleagues in SSOA, the International Community, IGAD, AU, TROIKA and indeed the people of South Sudan that SSNMC remain a prominent member of SSOA therefore, shall continue to pursue the implementation of the R-ARCSS 2018.

As for colleagues who have left us to join the SPLM, we wish them well and want to reaffirm our respect to their free will and decision.

We confirm that our relationship with the SPLM shall continue as partner in the Peace Agreement who have a duty and obligations to implement the Peace

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Agreement in letter and spirit. . In the meantime, we are consulting with our state leaders in order to come up with new leadership structure.

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