Date: 2nd September 2023

H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit, Republic of South Sudan, Juba.

Your Excellency,

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, former Ag. Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to you, the leadership of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (RTgonu), the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Diplomatic Corps accredited to South Sudan, UNMISS/UN agencies, and the esteemed media fraternity for the invaluable support extended to me during my tenure in office from September 2018 to the end of August 2023.

Your Excellency, as a member of SPLA who lost his leg in 1987, I have always kept my faith and commitment to serve my country. In 1992, I was tasked by the then leadership to administer our refugees between 1992-1997 and served as the first chairman of the National Commission for War Disabled, Widows, and Orphan Commission. I am grateful for the opportunities to contribute to the well-being of our nation and its citizens.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the leadership of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGONU) for their guidance, wisdom, and constant support. Their commitment to the nation's progress and stability has been instrumental in achieving our collective goals. I am grateful for the collaborative efforts made by all the Ministers and officials, whose dedication has propelled the nation forward.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their unwavering dedication, hard work, and professionalism throughout my tenure. Their tireless efforts have contributed significantly to the success of our diplomatic missions and the promotion of South Sudan's image on the global stage.

Furthermore, I would like to sincerely thank my constituency for their trust and support during the general election in 2010 when I was elected as the first Member

of Parliament for Twic East constituency. Their faith in me has been a source of inspiration, and I am grateful for the opportunity to represent them.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to my family for their unwavering support during all my assignments. Their encouragement and understanding have been invaluable throughout my journey, and I am truly grateful for their presence in my life.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to the media fraternity for their role in disseminating information and creating awareness. Your objective reporting and responsible journalism have played a crucial role in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance. Your dedication to upholding the principles of freedom of the press is commendable, and I am grateful for your support in conveying our message to the public.

Your Excellency, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate my brother, Hon. Ambassador Dr. James Morgan Pitia, on his appointment as the newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. I am confident that his vast experience, diplomatic skills, and unwavering commitment to the nation will serve South Sudan well. I wish him all the best in his new role and assure him of my support and cooperation whenever needed.

Once again, I extend my deepest appreciation to you, Your Excellency, for your unwavering support and guidance throughout my tenure. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and visionary leader. Your commitment to the nation's well-being and prosperity is truly inspiring.

May the Almighty continue to bless you, the leadership of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGONU), and the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

With profound gratitude,

Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek,

Former Acting Minister and Deputy Minister.

Member of Parliament (MP) of Twic East Constituency No. 11 Twice East, RTNLA.

Juba, Republic of South Sudan.