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Dear Excellency,

SUBJECT: REPORTING CRITICAL INCIDENT OF VIOLATION OF THE REVITALIZED AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (R-ARCSS)

I am writing to your office with utmost concern pursuant to the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan, R-ARCSS, Article 2.4.7 regarding your mandate with the hope that you would take immediately necessary action to save the Agreement.

Today, 21 February 2024, at around 9:00Am local time, in Gudele II, in Juba, two (2) numberless military armored vehicles, suspected to belong to the Military Intelligence Unit of the SSPDF, trailed and intercepted a personal car belonging to Col. Lam Paul Gabriel, the official Spokesperson of the SPLA-IO.

The two (2) armored vehicles, stopped and blocked Col. Lam's car at Gudele II, men in military uniformed and civilian clothes jumped and forcefully opened the door and fired at the driver of the car. After discovering that he was not Col. Lam, they then took control of the vehicle and masked the driver and drove him towards Luri military barrack expecting that he was dead.

After some distance from Gudele II, along Juba-Luri road, the convoy branched off and stopped at the nearby bushes. After about 20 minutes of telephone communications with unknown command, the soldiers in the two (2) vehicles decided to leave the car with their victim and drove away.

We would like to confirm that this was an assassination attempt on Col. Lam Paul Gabriel, the official Spokesperson of the SPLM-IO forces in a broad daylight by men in uniform and civilian clothes, acting under a command. It should also be noted that this incident followed repeated warning signals of threats to the life of the Spokesperson while on duty. I would like to highlight that the office of the Spokesperson is part and parcel of the General Headquarters of the SPLM/SPLA-IO.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bring to your good attention that throughout the last quarter of 2023, especially after passing the controversial budget for the Financial Year 2023/2024 in Parliament, there have been

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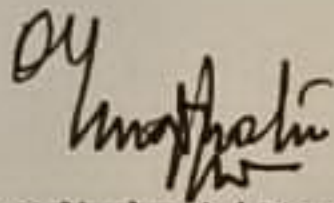
plots within the National Security Services and the Military Intelligence Unit of the SSPDF to temper with my personal security, and security of my offices and facilities. Consequently, there have been a number of incidences of harassment of my office staff and bodyguards, arrest and detention, vehicles seizures and searches, and disarmament just to humiliate and intimidate my office. This is displaying the highest level of hostilities in violation of the Cessation of Hostilities' Agreement (CoHA) signed in 2017, and therefore threatening the Permanent Ceasefire Agreement (PCA) signed in 2018.

Furthermore, over the past few months, there have been increase in military activities and build-ups in and around Juba and other parts of the country with clear intentions of violating the Permanent Ceasefire. While we have managed to foil some violations, others have gone under the bridge. The SSPDF has committed more violations of Security Arrangements in Nyuel-nyuel of Rubkotna County of Unity State, Nasir County of Upper Nile state, Kowari and Namurle payams of Terekeka County of Central Equatoria state, we are also getting reliable information that there are plans to attack and destabilize SPLA-IO Cantonments of Wuniliet (CES), Aswa (EES) and Irube (EES) respectively.

In light of the above violations and hostilities, I am writing to report this critical and unfortunate incident and developments which is threatening the very foundation of the Peace Agreement, as such, reversing the critical milestones we have so far achieved since 12 September 2018.

I would like to reiterate to your Excellency our unwavering commitment to the R-ARCSS and its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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