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## Statement by:

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Chairperson,

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On

Addressing the wages and salaries issue for Civil Servant, Army, Organized Forces and Emoluments of Constitutional Post Holders in the Republic of South Sudan.



Date: 04th September 2024

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### Rt. Hon. Speaker Hon. Members of august House

Allow me to address this august House as per Regulation 37 and 38 (1 &2) of Conduct of Business Regulation 2011 (Amended 2021) that allow the Chairperson to address or present a paper to the House.

# Rt. Hon. Speaker Hon. Members of august House

I want to bring to the attention of this august House that, the wages and salaries for Civil Servants, Army, Organized Forces and Emoluments of Constitutional Post Holders in the Republic of South Sudan is in a tune of SSP 85 billion per a month as per the information we got from the current and former ministers of Finance and Planning.

Currently, the South Sudan Revenue Authority (SSRA) is collects about SSP 40+ billion a month from none-oil revenues (taxes and non-taxes), which can amount to half of the wages and salaries bill if the amount is directed to the salary account.

# Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members of august House

Currently, the country's major oil share contributor (Dar Blend Crude Oil - from Upper Nile State) is not operational, while GPOC which produces Nile Blend Crude Oil (Block 1, 2, 4 and 5A from Unity State) is operational. However, in 2019 the National Council of Ministers resolved to allocate 20,000 bpd for infrastructural development projects (roads and other development projects) across the country.

Currently, the Nile Blend Crude Oil (Block 1, 2, 4 and 5A) contributes to the national coffers about USD 44 - 47 million monthly, and after every 3 months, there is one extra cargo from the accumulated extra barrels of crude oil that make 2 cargos every three months while one cargo is intact.

This implies that, both SSRA collections and Nile Blend Crude Oil are sufficient to pay the entire wage bill monthly and cater for keeping the government operational and slowly clear the entire government salaries and the foreign missions arears that accumulated for almost 10 months.

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#### Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members of august House

In light of the above, and after consulting both figures of SSRA collections and Nile blend, I am therefore, suggesting and requesting this august House to;

- Directs the Minister of Finance and Planning and SSRA/ Commissioner General to put the SSRA collections into the government salary account.
- 2. Suspends (puts on hold) the resolution of Cabinet of Ministers which allocates the Nile Blend Crude Oil (Block 1, 2, 4 and 5A) for Infrastructure development projects and be reallocated by redirecting it to pay and clear the wages and salaries of the entire government and the government operation until a better solution is found to reallocate back the Nile Blend Crude Oil to the Infrastructure development projects.

Thank you for listening God bless South Sudan



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