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Divine Warning and Message to the Parties to the Conflict in South Sudan to Stop War!

"So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'come back to God!'" (2 Corinthian 5:20).

To our dear brothers and Sisters from the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU), SPLM/A in Opposition and other armed and political groups, Distinguished Members and friends of the IGAD, the African Union (AU), the United Nations (UN), Members of the International Community, Your Excellencies and Honourable Delegates, greetings and peace of God in the name of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

We the CHURCH and the People of God in South Sudan wish to appreciate IGAD, the African Union (AU), the United Nations (UN) and the Members of the International Community for their extensive efforts to constantly engage the South Sudan warring parties towards a compromise peaceful resolution of the conflict in South Sudan.

We have consistently stated that this is a senseless war which should and must immediately stop. There is no moral justification to continue war and killings, regardless of any legitimate political issues with government or opposition feel they may have. The Cessation of Hostilities (CoH) agreement must be implemented, and we therefore urge you all once again to prioritize peace and not war, for the love of God and His suffering people in South Sudan.

The God given Christmas gift to the People of South Sudan when you signed the Cessation of Hostilities (CoH) was accepted by all with jubilation and hope. Our people in the cities and towns, in the refugee camps and Protection of Civilian sites, in the Countryside and Diaspora are desperate to feel and experience true peace.

To you the parties, we strongly appeal to respect, honor and abide by the agreement which you committed yourselves to. It is no longer acceptable to negotiate posts and positions in the middle of violence and killings. The needs of the people must be met! The voice of the voiceless cannot be ignored! Let not pride, greed, struggle for political power become greater than the need for Peace and Reconciliation in South Sudan! Let not Regional and Bilateral interests be served at the expense of the People of South Sudan!

We recognize, based on historic experience, that there is no quick and easy way to resolve these difficult issues. The People of South Sudan deserve a political compromise and Peace!

Your Excellencies, honourable delegates, we are the CHURCH, we are your PASTORS, we call upon all to consider the suffering and pains of the People of South Sudan. We call upon the warring parties to exercise restraint, tolerance, forgiveness, love and reconciliation. We want all hostilities to cease immediately and for honest and truthful negotiations to begin henceforth.



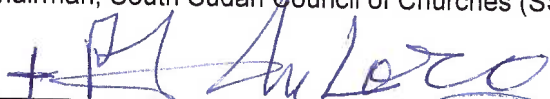
We reiterate our commitment to the IGAD High Level Revitalization Forum and appeals directly to IGAD, AU and UN to ensure that the reports and recommendations of JMEC are followed by action that holds parties accountable. Blanket blame is not good enough; you need to name, shame and hold the violators accountable.

We will continue to stand with and serve the People of South Sudan, and we are present morally and spiritually to walk with all of you and to remind you to place our People first. We urge you not to squander this last chance for Peace! We are very hopeful that permanent Peace can be realised in our beloved country.

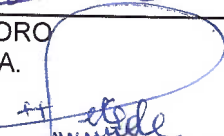


Oh God bless South Sudan!

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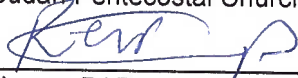


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