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## **Addendum to Summary of Reports of Cessation of Hostilities (COH) Violations (22 August – 7 November 2014)**

The following violation report, V018, was not included in the summary of documented and verified violations of the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism published on 9 November. The investigations that form the basis for violation report V018 were not concluded until 10 November.

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Date(s) of Violations</b>	<b>Location(s)</b>	<b>Nature of Violation</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
V018	29 October to 1 November 2014	Bentiu and Guit, Unity State	Following the receipt of reports from the Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) based in the UNMISS camp near Rubkona that during the hostilities in Unity State from 27-29 October 2014 (already reported in violation report V016) serious violations took place regarding Paragraph 3, 'Protection of Civilians' of the Cessation of Hostilities	SPLM/A (IO)

			<p>Agreement (COHA), the JTC initiated formal investigation and verification processes.</p> <p>Over the period of a week the MVT conducted detailed investigations and gathered eye witness accounts of the alleged violations, which included killing of civilians and rape in Rubkona County and Guit County, Unity State.</p> <p>As a result of investigations, and the weight of evidence collated, it is the opinion of the JTC <b>that SPLM/A (IO) violated the following articles of the COHA (23 January 2014) on 29 October 2014, in Bentiu town (Unity State):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COHA 3.1: The Parties shall refrain from attacks on the civilian population and commit to the protection of human rights, life and property as provided by various national, continental and international instruments.</li> <li>• COHA 3.3: The Parties shall not engage in any acts of violence against children, girls, women and the elderly and more importantly, they will support the</li> </ul>	
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			<p>reunion of families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COHA 3.4: The Parties shall cease acts of violence including summary executions, displacement of populations, all forms of torture, destruction of property, attacking civilian aircrafts, vehicles or riverboats, recruitment of child soldiers or any other acts as prohibited by applicable national, continental and international instruments.</li> </ul> <p>As a result of investigations, and the weight of evidence collated, it is the opinion of the JTC <b>that SPLM/A (IO) Forces violated the following articles of the COHA (23 January 2014)</b> from 29 October to 1 November 2014 in Bentiu town and Guit County, Unity State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COHA 3.2: The Parties shall refrain from any acts of rape, sexual abuse and torture as prohibited by applicable national, continental and international instruments.</li> </ul> <p>It is therefore recommended that the IGAD</p>	
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			Special Envoys take the appropriate action in response to the violations of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.	
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