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COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 56th EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE IGAD COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN NAIROBI, KENYA, 11TH JULY 2016

The IGAD Council of Ministers held its 56th Extraordinary Summit on the 11th July 2016 in Nairobi Kenya, under the Chairmanship of **H.E. Dr Tedros Adhanom**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Council of Ministers.

The Session was attended by; **H.E. Amb. Amina Mohamed**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya; **H.E. Dr. Abdusalam Omer**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Ghandour**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan; **H.E. Sam Kutesa**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda **H.E. Dr. Cirino Hiteng**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Sudan, **H.E. Mariam Ahmed Goumaneh**, Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti to Kenya and **H.E. Amb. (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim**, Executive Secretary of IGAD.

The Council was also attended by the representatives of the Troika (H.E **Robert Godec**, the US Ambassador to Kenya; H.E. **Nic Hailey**, the British High Commissioner to Kenya; and H.E. Vebjorn Heines, the Royal Norwegian Charge d'Affaires), H.E. **Stefano Dejak**, the Head of EU Delegation to Kenya and **Angela Loi**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Italy to Kenya and Representative of the IGAD Partner Forum (IPF)

The Council was briefed by **H.E. Festus Mogae**, **Chairperson** of Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC). After holding extensive discussion on the prevailing situation in South Sudan, the Council issued the following communiqué.

The Council:

1. **Condemns in the strongest terms** the eruption of fighting on 7th July, 2016 between the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and the SPLA in Opposition (SPLA-IO) in Juba and the huge loss of lives and casualties, as well as destruction of properties that still continues unabated.
2. **Further condemns** the targeting of the UN compound and attempts to prevent civilian populations from getting protection
3. **Urges** President Salva Kirr Mayardit and First Vice President Dr. Reik Machar to assume their responsibility and take immediate measures to prevail upon their respective military leaders and stop the fighting that continues unabated in Juba and may soon escalate to other areas in South Sudan.
4. **Underlines** the importance of the leaders' assertion of the command and control over their respective armed forces and passing of continuous messages to the general population for calm and reconciliation.

And demands:

- a) An immediate ceasefire;
- b) Re-opening of the Juba International Airport to be protected by UNMISS;
- c) Immediate return of all armed forces and weapons to their barracks;
- d) opening of humanitarian corridors;
- e) Urgent revision of the UNMISS mandate to establish an intervention brigade and increase numbers of troops from the region to *inter alia* secure Juba;
- f) Accountability of those responsible for the breakdown of law and order; and
- g) Immediate implementation of the security arrangements as enshrined in the ARCSS.

The Council remains seized of the matter

Done in Nairobi, Kenya on 11th July, 2016