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RE: Violations of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement in South Sudan

Your Excellency,

Article V (4) of the 1 February 2015 'Areas of Agreement on the Establishment of the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) in the Republic of South Sudan' recommitted the warring Parties, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the SPLM/A (In Opposition) to the 23 January 2014 Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA).

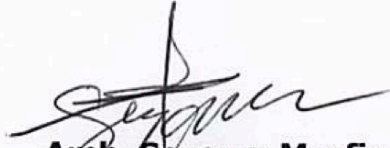
Unfortunately, violations of the CoHA have occurred since 1 February 2015. I hereby submit the following reports, documenting two series of violations of the CoHA, as investigated by the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism in the period of 8–12 February 2015.

Report V028 confirms incidents of shelling in Bentiu, Unity State on 10 February 2015. It was not possible to attribute responsibility for initiating the engagement to either Party.

While report V029 cannot confirm who initiated the engagement on 8 February 2015, it does describe serious violations of the CoHA in Nassir, Upper Nile State by both Parties, including an attack by GRSS Forces on a hospital and UN facilities.

As the 1 February 2015 Agreement directs that any future violations of the CoHA will be reported by IGAD to the African Union and to the United Nations, I will also be transmitting copies of these reports to those institutions..

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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