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5 August 2014, Addis Ababa: After six weeks of extensive consultations with the stakeholders, IGAD member states, and international partners, the IGAD-led mediation convened the fifth session of negotiations on 4 August 2014. The stakeholders, including the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the SPLM/A (In Opposition) had repeatedly assured the mediation of their commitment to the inclusive, multi-stakeholder roundtable peace process and the modalities for comprehensive talks.

On 5 August 2014, the SPLM/A (In Opposition) failed to attend the peace process for South Sudan. The mediation renews its call to the SPLM/A (In Opposition) to honour its commitment to resolve the crisis. The mediation expects the SPLM/A (In Opposition) to immediately return to and fully participate in the multi-stakeholder negotiations, which will continue on 6 August 2014. The mediation further calls on the people of South Sudan, IGAD Member States and international partners to urge the SPLM/A (In Opposition) to return to the ongoing peace talks without further delay. # ##