

# Joint Statement on the South Sudan Peace Process

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The United States joins our Troika partners, the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Norway, in expressing deep concern that South Sudan's leaders have not formed a new transitional government within the agreed 90-day timeline of the August peace agreement. Each day, the fighting and abuses continue, and an already grave humanitarian situation grows worse. We urge South Sudan's leaders to establish the transitional government now and recommit to the timeline of the agreement, or the peace process will unravel.

We commend Festus Mogae, the Chairman of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC), for beginning to implement the agreement by announcing this week that he will host the JMEC's first meeting in Juba on 27 November. It is vital that all parties participate fully. We call on the Opposition and former detainees to attend the JMEC launch and on all South Sudanese parties to work with President Mogae. Those who decide not to participate will be further delaying the implementation of the peace agreement, which will only deepen an already grave humanitarian crisis and prolong the suffering of the South Sudanese people.