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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**Department of South Sudan Affairs**

**Foreign Ministry's statement on the occasion of Dr. Riek Machar's return to Juba**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan warmly welcomes the return of Dr. Riek Machar (Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan) to Juba, and his engagement in the political process in the country, marking the beginning of the actual implementation of the peace agreement signed in mid August 2015 in Addis Ababa, which its first step towards forming a national unity government to run the country during the transitional period.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs seizes this opportunity to call upon all parties to the agreement to honor their obligations in good faith which takes into account the well-being of South Sudan and its brotherly people, as well as, calls upon the regional and international partners to continue their efforts to support the agreement parties throughout stages of implementation.

The Ministry, In affirming Sudan's commitment to continue working with IGAD, The African Union and other partners, to ensure a smooth implementation of the 2015 August agreement for the welfare of South Sudan, Sudan and the entire region, The Ministry expresses Sudan's aspirations that such collective steps will further strengthen the bilateral relations between Sudan and South Sudan, through the comprehensive and Simultaneous implementation of the cooperation agreement package signed in 27/9/2016, as well as, the understandings between the leadership in the two countries, which aim to serve the interests of the two nations.