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UNMISS CHIEF WELCOMES THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGREEMENT

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) in South Sudan and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Ms. Hilde F. Johnson welcomes the signing of a cessation of hostilities agreement as a first step towards a lasting and durable peace in South Sudan.

The SRSG calls on all the parties to fully and immediately implement the agreement and start an inclusive and comprehensive political dialogue to resolve the underlying causes of the conflict, work towards national reconciliation and build effective state institutions so the people of South Sudan enjoy the peace they so much deserved.

The SRSG also wants to acknowledge the tireless efforts and constructive role played by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and regional partners to achieve this cessation of hostilities agreement and expedite the release of the detainees.

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