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Open Letter to President Salva Kiir and 1st Vice President Dr. Riek Machar

South Sudan Women United

April 15, 2016

Your Excellencies:

South Sudan Women United writes to congratulate you both on the steps you are taking towards ending violence in South Sudan and securing peace and the opportunity for development to benefit all citizens.

The coming week is an important milestone for you and the country. We encourage you to continue the progress you have made so far in order for all citizens of South Sudan to experience and enjoy safety and security.

To that end, we encourage you and your colleagues, with the support of the South Sudan Council of Churches, to sit together to engage in a process of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. We believe this process is essential for every South Sudanese affected by decades of conflict. Your leadership in this area, by participating in and modeling the process, will benefit not only your Administration but also the entire country. We believe it will be the difference between a future of war and suffering and a future of peace and prosperity.

In addition, as the first order of business and to demonstrate a sincere commitment to the welfare of the people of South Sudan, we urge you to establish a Presidential Taskforce to address the famine currently endangering so many South Sudanese.

Thank you for considering these requests. Our prayers are with you now and in the critical days ahead.

Sincerely,

South Sudan Women United

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