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PCCA Welcomes Statement of International Partners

The People's Coalition for Civil Action (PCCA) welcomes the joint statement issued by the Chiefs of Mission of Germany, Japan, Norway, and the United States following their August 25 meeting with Vice President Rebecca Nyandeng de Mabior. We support the call for urgent action toward peace, the rejection of violence as an instrument of political competition, and the responsible use of public revenues to restore essential services, strengthen accountability, uphold the rule of law, and support economic recovery.

The PCCA, however, wishes to clarify an important point regarding the call for “authentic interparty dialogue.” There is a fundamental difference between interparty dialogue and an “all-inclusive national political dialogue,” internationally mediated and nationally facilitated, that South Sudan urgently needs. Interparty dialogue is a narrow process among political parties, particularly signatories to the R-ARCSS, that risks reproducing the same elite-centered bargaining that has repeatedly failed to address the deeper roots of the national crisis.

South Sudan needs a broader, citizen-centered process involving political parties/actors, armed oppositions, nonviolent pro-democracy and human rights social movements, civil society, faith-based organizations, women, youth, traditional leaders, professional associations, trade unions, traditional authorities, and political actors inside and outside the R-ARCSS framework. The process should draw from both the R-ARCSS and the resolutions of the South Sudan National Dialogue but should not be constrained by either. Its purpose must be to address the root causes of the crisis, end authoritarian rule, break political paralysis, and forge a broadly owned national political settlement.

This must be an inclusive, people-driven process, supported by unified international mediation that provides credibility, guarantees, and effective implementation mechanisms, while South Sudanese actors own and facilitate the substantive dialogue. The process should culminate in a broadly owned political and constitutional settlement that establishes a clear pathway toward a peaceful democratic transition.

The PCCA therefore calls upon international partners to reconsider the concept of interparty dialogue. South Sudan does not need another narrow conversation among the same political actors who have repeatedly demonstrated unwillingness or inability to move the country toward a genuine democratic transition. It needs an inclusive national political dialogue, owned by its people and directed toward a peaceful, democratic, accountable, and sustainable political order.

The People Shall Prevail!