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PRESS RELEASE:

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE STATE POLICY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION, REDESIGNATION, RENAMING, AND STATUTORY OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE THREE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

His Excellency, Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan and Chancellor of all the Public Universities, has issued Presidential Directives establishing executive state policy to expand, restructure, and fully operationalize three universities in the States of Central Equatoria, Northern Bahr El-Ghazal, and Warrap.

In strict compliance with the Higher Education Act, 2012, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, and the National Council for Higher Education have been directed to immediately initiate the statutory transition, approval, and accreditation of three key public universities:

1. **UNIVERSITY OF AWEIL (NORTHERN BAHR EL-GHAZAL STATE)**

Presidential Directive for Redesignation, Renaming, and Succession

1.1 His Excellency the President has directed the National Council for Higher Education, through the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology to immediately initiate, evaluate, and formally approve the statutory redesignation, renaming, and transition of the public university known as the "University of Northern Bahr El-Ghazal" to "University of Aweil", located in Aweil, Northern Bahr El-Ghazal State.

1.2 All properties, land parcels, assets, liabilities, and existing personnel of the former University of Northern Bahr El-Ghazal shall be transferred, vested in, and assumed by the University of Aweil upon its formal statutory approval and accreditation.

2. UNIVERSITY OF KUAJOK (WARRAP STATE)

Presidential Directive for Establishment and Incorporation

2.1 His Excellency the President has directed the National Council for Higher Education, through the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology to immediately initiate, evaluate, and formally approve the statutory establishment and incorporation of the University of Kuajok, located in Kuajok, Warrap State.

2.2 All assets, facilities, personnel registries, and physical land currently utilized by or allotted to the pre-existing Kuajok Community College, shall be formally transferred to and vested in the newly established University of Kuajok upon its formal statutory approval.

3. UNIVERSITY OF YEI (CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE)

Presidential Directive for Establishment and Incorporation

3.1 His Excellency the President has directed the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) through the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology to immediately initiate, evaluate, and formally approve the statutory establishment and incorporation of University of Yei, located in Yei County, Central Equatoria State.

3.2 All administrative rights, properties and physical facilities designated by the state or local Government for the University within Yei town, shall be formally transferred to and vested in the University upon its formal statutory approval.

4. GOVERNANCE AND STATUTORY TRANSITION

4.1 The President of the Republic of South Sudan shall serve as Chancellor of the three aforementioned Universities.

4.2 The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, alongside the appointed interim administration of the three (3) Universities, shall systematically present the institutional plans, academic curricula, and transitional frameworks of the Universities to the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) for formal statutory approval and accreditation pursuant to Section 12 of the Higher Education Act, 2012.

4.3 The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology is directed to appoint interim administrative leadership and initiate the drafting of the three Universities Charters for subsequent submission to the NCHE.

5. OBJECTIVES AND MANDATE OF THREE UNIVERSITIES

The three Universitas shall be structured to:

a) Provide high-quality academic instruction, scientific research, and community outreach programs;
b) Promote technological innovation, agronomic research, and environmental sustainability;
c) Maintain a highly specialized academic and research mandate focusing heavily on agricultural technology, crop husbandry, mechanization, forestry, Science and Technology and environmental resource management.

6. EXECUTIVE FUNDING & COORDINATION DIRECTIVE

6.1 To ensure immediate take-off, His Excellency the President has directed the Ministry of Finance and Planning to immediately allocate take-off grants and recurrent operational budgets to all three universities within the national budget.

6.2. The respective State Governments of Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Warrap, and Central Equatoria are ordered to provide full administrative and security cooperation to facilitate rapid campus development and land allocation.

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