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H E President Salva Kiir Mayardit President of the Republic of South Sudan Juba

Your Excellency,

## Re: PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE FOR NATIONAL DIALOGUE.

My heartfelt greetings, congratulations for your Noble, Loving Initiative for National Dialogue. I believe this is an inspiration from God.

Many citizens are happy and welcome this noble Initiative for National Dialogue; THEY PRAY THAT LET THIS TO BE TRUE AND SINCERE.

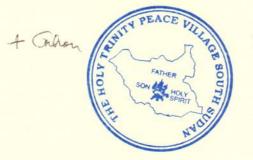
I saw true Peace in South Sudan from my childhood till 1954. And from 1956 to 1962. Again from 1972 to beginning of 1983 and after the Signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement to the Independence of South Sudan.

I have never seen in the history of my life, as now I am 81 years of age, such great suffering of South Sudanese, in the hands of South Sudanese themselves like these, which started from 15th December 2013 and from 7th July 2016 to the present moment.

This Initiative of National Dialogue will give Hope of Peace, Security and end of war to the entire Population of South Sudan.

I actually, last year from November 2016, I decided to retire to the Peace Village in Kuron, to join the International prayer houses in Europe, America and Africa to pray day and night for nonviolence and peace with justice in our Country, anguish from war and hunger. South Sudan is a country flowing with milk and honey. These Prayers with Fasting will be Nonstop till Peace and Nonviolence is achieved in South Sudan.

This year I want to travel to the holy land, Jerusalem, just as I did in 1993 pestering for three months and in 1999, also praying with fasting for three months for peace in our country, praying every morning in the empty tomb of Jesus Christ. I believe that prayers with fasting are more powerful than fighting with guns and talking.



I will never, never let down the people of South Sudan with whom and for whom I started suffering from 1964 as a young priest, till today at the age of 81 and I promise to continue to my grave.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in me, Bishop Paride Taban. However I hope His Excellency will understand that I am now 81 years old. I have already retired from formal and official involvement, since 2004 when I retired from the administration of the Catholic Diocese of Torit. My contributions to the Initiative of National Dialogue will be through prayers, fasting, sharing my experiences and advice as may be requested

Hence I beg your Excellency to excuse me from the role of Co-chairmanship of the National Dialogue Initiative. I need more rest. I assure Your Excellency that I will be supporting The National Peace Initiative as a Religious man of Peace and Nonviolence, through prayers and fasting and to serve as a spiritual guide to the Committee. I will be willing to meet with the members of the National Steering committee whenever my contribution and presence is needed. Trust me, I will Never, Never let down My Country and My People of South Sudan. The Members of National Initiative for Dialogue are welcome if they wish to come for spiritual retreat and reflection in Kuron, Peace Village.

Be assured that I have not resigned from joining this Noble Initiative for National Dialogue, with nonviolence and justice. Let no one think or say that I resigned from it. I fully support it as I have stated above.

I appeal to all of us, South Sudanese and I appeal to all God fearing men and women worldwide to join hands in supporting this Noble Initiative for National Dialogue, announced by His Excellency President Salva Kiir Mayardit in December 2016, together to bring the sufferings and death of our people in South Sudan, with Truth, sincere and Just Dialogue to an end.

God bless South Sudanese and the people in South Sudan with a lasting Peace.

"THE VOICE OF PEOPLE IS THE VOICE OF GOD" Therefore I will listen to the

Voice of God and accept God's Will.

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Welcome to Peace Village in Kuron