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Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Press,

On behalf of Chama Cha Mapinduzi, I would like to inform you that from October 12-18, delegations from the SPLM family have assembled in Arusha and have been engaging in an Intra-SPLM Dialogue with the objective to reunifying the party.

They have reached progress on establishing a framework for the SPLM Dialogue, including shared principles, objectives and agenda for engaging in Dialogue.

The process has been convened by my Chairman, Cde. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, at the request of the SPLM leadership to bring together the various SPLM groups, with the aim of reunifying SPLM Leadership and the people of South Sudan.

It is worth mentioning that the crisis facing the Republic of South Sudan came as a result of differences within the SPLM Leadership, as acknowledged by the participants of this Dialogue.

Chama Cha Mapinduzi is honored to host and facilitate this Intra-SPLM Dialogue, aimed at reunifying our sisterly party.

The initial phase of this Dialogue was held in a frank, honest and cordial manner. Having concluded the initial phase of the Intra-SPLM Dialogue, the Chairman of CCM, Cde. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, has invited the principal leaders of the SPLM, namely Cde. Salva Kiir, President of the Republic of South Sudan and Cde. Riek Machar for the official launching of the process due to take place on Monday October 20th 2014 in Arusha, Tanzania.

Thank you very much.