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Comrade Daniel Awet Akot Leader of the SPLM Government Delegation

Comrade Deng Alor Kuol Leader of the SPLM Leaders Former Political Detainees

Distinguished invited guests and observers

Dear members of the delegations

Ladies and gentlemen

As we begin phase II of Arusha II of the Intra-SPLM Dialogue allow me to extend to you all the New Year felicitations from the delegation of SPLM/SPLA. It is our cherished hope that 2015 will be different from the previous two years.

Mr. Chairman

We have come back to continue the journey towards the reunification the SPLM. Recalling the wise words of comrade Daniel Awet when we met here in December, I believe it will be an easy journey. I underline the word easy because we have all agreed that the root cause of the present sad situation in our country lie in the SPLM.

The exercise we are about to embark upon is that of self-evaluation in order to locate the disease in the body of the SPLM. In this respect, I want to caution my colleagues and comrades that the exercise we about to undertake demands honest self-criticism. We request ourselves to put our people and country over and above each one of us. Therefore, blame game and finger pointing will not help us out of the *malaise* into which we have thrown our people and the hard won independence of our country.

My delegation confirms that the Arusha process is not peace negotiation akin to the IGAD process. Nevertheless, it will assist the IGAD thrust for bringing peace to South Sudan. I am sure the fifty years' experience of Chama Cha Mapenduzi will help us orient ourselves correctly. We are also

ready to gain from the experiences of other armed liberation movements particularly in the manner they managed their political splits.

I cherish that we leave Arusha as members of one SPLM committed to reforming, reorganising, institutionalizing, revitalizing and returning the SPLM to it historic grandeur in order to steer our people towards peace, social harmony, justice, equality, democracy and prosperity.

I avail myself of this opportunity to register the thanks and appreciation of my delegation to the people, CCM and government of the United Republic of Tanzania for availing facilities that enabled us to dialogue and for their facilitation. I want also to thank CMI for the support of the process.

I thank you Mr. Chairman

Peter Adwok Nyaba Leader of SPLM/SPLA delegation Arusha, January 9, 2015