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Following the failure of the 1st Vice President designate, Dr. Riek Machar to arrive to Juba on the 18th and 19th April respectively; the Government of the Republic of South Sudan would like to make the following clarifications:

1. Dr. Riek Machar, the 1st Vice President designate was supposed to arrive Juba on 12th April, 2016 as scheduled by the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) and endorsed by the Government.
2. The 1st Vice President designate, for reasons known to him, unilaterally changed the date of his arrival to the 18th April, 2016. This was accepted by both the Government and JMEC.
3. The Government did all the necessary preparations for the official reception of the 1st Vice President designate, but to the disappointment of all, Dr. Riek did not respect his commitment and thus did not arrive as he scheduled on 18th April, 2016. Not that only but today he indefinitely called off his coming to Juba.



4. Today, 19th April, 2016, the Government was informed that he wanted to come with an arsenal of arms, inter alia, anti-tanks, lazer guided missiles and heavy machine guns.
5. The total number of SPLM/A - IO forces, beside the police, to be in Juba as agreed by the Parties in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 3rd November, 2015, is 1410 out of which 1370 have already arrived with their individual riffles, light machine guns and RPGs as approved by the Joint Military Ceasefire Commission (JMCC) and verified by Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM).
6. The protection force of the 1st Vice President designate of 350 is already on the ground with all their armaments. He does not need any additional armed forces or arms in Juba.
7. The SPLM/A - IO force currently deployed in Juba is 1370 meanwhile it is supposed to 1410. Thus it is less by 40 and this is the number expected to arrive Juba. The JMCC shall approve their armaments accordingly.
8. Based on the above and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement to ensure its proper and effective implementation, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan:
 - i. Welcomes Dr. Riek Machar, the 1st Vice President designate and calls upon him to respect and abide by



his commitment and come to Juba with his civilian supporting staff and take up his assignment.

ii. Welcomes the SPLM/A - IO Chief of General Staff with 40 of his forces to complete the SPLM/A - IO forces in Juba. JMCC shall approve their armament and verified by CTSAMM.

iii. The only expected force from the SPLM/A - IO in Juba is 1500 for the Joint Integrated Police (JIP) with their individual rifles.

9. The Government of the Republic of South Sudan will not accept any additional arms or surplus forces to be brought to Juba.

10. Finally, the Government reiterates its full commitment to the implementation of the Agreement and calls upon JMEC, IGAD Plus, AU, UN, TORIKA, EU, IPF, China and the International Community to exert more pressure on the 1st Vice President designate, Dr. Riek Machar and the entire Leadership of the SPLM/A - IO to reconsider this unrealistic demands and decision and join the People of South Sudan in the Peace process and establish the TGoNU and start the Transitional Period

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