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VICE-PRESIDENT OF SOUTH SUDAN TO LAUNCH BOOK

“A SHARED STRUGGLE: THE PEOPLE AND CULTURES OF SOUTH SUDAN”.

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) invites media to attend the launch by the Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan H.E. James Wani Igga and Special Representative of UNMISS Hilde Johnson of the historic and unique book:

“A Shared Struggle: The People and Cultures of South Sudan”.

The ceremony will take place on 16 December at:

Da Vinci Lodge in Juba from 6 to 8 pm (please see program below).

“*A Shared Struggle: The People and Cultures of South Sudan*” includes footage of the history of the struggle of the South Sudanese people that have never before been published. It displays the rich cultural diversity of the South Sudanese, and provides snapshots of individual stories from all communities of the country.

This publication is the result of a one-year long collaboration between South Sudan’s Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and UNMISS. Through photos and text, this book tells the history of the struggle for freedom. The country’s independence was achieved at a steep price which cost the lives of over two million people during Africa’s longest civil war. It also features the images of Tim McKulka, a talented photographer who spent over six years working for the UN in South Sudan, portraying the beauty of the landscapes and peoples of this newest nation in the world.

“*A shared struggle*” aims to promote interest throughout the world in South Sudan, its history and diversity, seen through the eyes of its citizens. It is also intended as a call to all South Sudanese to celebrate their hard won freedom, recognize their common destiny and to build a stronger nation through unity in diversity.

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PROGRAM OF THE LAUNCH

- 5:30** Arrival of guests
- 6:00** Arrival of the Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan,
H.E. James Wani Igga
- 6:20** Remarks by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
Dr. Jok Madut Jok
- 6:30** Remarks by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in South Sudan **Ms. Hilde F. Johnson**
- 6:40** Remarks by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports
Ms. Nadia Arop Dudi
Introduction of the keynote speaker
- 6:45** Keynote speech by Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan,
H.E. James Wani Igga
- 7:00** Book launch and sale