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UNMISS WELCOMES GOVERNMENT ACTION ON SOUTH SUDAN POLICE

Juba, 20 Sept 2011 – The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) today welcomed the Government’s statement that it had taken action against members of the South Sudan Police Service, who were responsible for an assault on one of UNMISS staff members on 20 August. The assault at a local hotel in Juba resulted in injuries to the staff member.

The Government of South Sudan today announced that two officers involved in the assault had been suspended, accused of using excessive force, and four other policemen had also received punishments for their roles in the assault.

Special Representative of the Secretary-General, (SRSG) Hilde F. Johnson said: “I welcome the steps taken by the Government. This incident was completely unacceptable and a clear violation of the Status of Forces Agreement with the Republic of South Sudan.

“I have previously raised this issue at the highest levels of Government. I am encouraged that today we have seen the Government take measures against those responsible.

“UNMISS has also welcomed the Government’s reassurance that such incidents will never happen again. UNMISS stands ready to assist the Government in its commitment to uphold the values of the United Nations and to assist the government in providing human rights trainings to its security personnel.

End.