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International Day for Persons with Disabilities UNMISS SRSG to attend the Wheelchair Basketball match in Juba

To support the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Hilde F. Johnson, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General (SRSG) and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) will attend a wheelchair basketball match organized on Tuesday 3rd December by the South Sudan Wheelchair Basketball Association.

At the commencement of the game, SRSG Johnson will meet and greet the chairman of the association, and the team players. *"The exclusion of the disabled and physically impaired from society not only has damaging consequences to the lives of persons with disabilities, but also to the progress of communities. In South Sudan we must work harder in removing these barriers, to more inclusion and participation of all persons with disabilities,"* the SRSG noted.

One of the objectives of the match, played under the theme "Break barriers, open doors for an inclusive society for all" is to raise awareness on issues surrounding disability and disabled persons in South Sudan, including the many victims of landmine incidents.

The match, organized by the South Sudan Wheelchair Basketball Association in collaboration with United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and Handicap International, will take place on:

Date: Tuesday, 3 December

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: Basketball Stadium, Nimra Talata, Juba

All media houses are invited to attend.

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