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UNMISS welcomes the decision of Japan to expand the area of activities of the GSDF

The United Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) welcomes the decision of the Government of Japan announced today to expand the area of activities of the Ground Self-Defense Force (GSDF) in South Sudan. The Japanese Engineer Company, consisting of some 330 troops, is currently in the capital Juba and surrounding areas. Preparatory work will start in June so the company can gradually deploy to the States of East and West Equatoria.

“We want to thank the Government of Japan for supporting South Sudan through its sustained contribution to the UNMISS and peace-keeping operations. As we are about to celebrate UN peace-keeping day, we want to salute the Japanese decision to increase its activities to other areas of South Sudan,” Hilde F. Johnson, the head of the Mission and Special Representative of the Secretary General of the UN in South Sudan said. “Roads and transport are key to stabilization and peace building in South Sudan” she added.

The Government of Japan made its decision following consultations with UNMISS and the United Nations Secretariat in New York.

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