

Talking Points of the Vice-President of South Sudan for g7+ High-Level Meeting

“Conflict Prevention in a multipolar world: perspectives from g7+ Countries”

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Thank you, your Excellency, and members of g7+ for making time to meet with me and my delegation.

First and foremost, I would like to convey to your warmest greetings of H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan.

Allow me to introduce my delegation. Here with me are Hon. Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Minister of Presidential Affairs, Hon. Dr. Dhieu Mathok Diing, Minister of Investment, Hon. Deng Dau Deng, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Lily Albino Akol Akol, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and Ambassador Akuei Bona Malual, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Head of the South Sudan Mission in New York.

As you might know, South Sudan is implementing the peace agreement brought about by the 2018 Peace agreement to end the internal conflict therein. In this regard, the Unity government made:

- Extension for 24 months starting after February 2023
- The intension for extension is for the completion of the remaining provisions of the 2018 peace accord.
- By the end of extension South Sudan will hold free, fair and credible elections ushering in the new dawn of democracy.

My country is affected disproportionately by the global crisis which we are going through. These crises have undermined peace and stability in conflict affected countries. Therefore, together with 19 countries, we have come together to as a group of Seven Plus (g7+) with one voice to pursue peace and stability through dialogue and reconciliation.

In the spirit of unity and global solidarity for humanity, I call upon the g7+ countries to support the implementation of the New Roadmap in South Sudan because it is the best opportunity, we have to achieve peace and stability as a country.

We stand ready to engage with the g7+ member states to realize the interests and ambitions of our peoples and countries and to make our world a better place for us and more importantly for the next generations.