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Excellency,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to invite you to participate in a panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan. The discussion will be held during the twenty-seventh session of the Council, on 24 September 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00 hours, in Room XX at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva.

In accordance with resolution 26/32, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene a panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan with the participation of the Government of South Sudan, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan, the Chairperson of the Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Mediation Team on South Sudan, the Special Representative of the Secretary General for UNMISS and the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of South Sudan.

The panel discussion will focus on identifying effective measures to improve the human rights situation in South Sudan and enhancing United Nations support for the work of IGAD and the African Union Commission of Inquiry.

As the Permanent Representative of the Government of Djibouti to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and in view of your extensive experience and knowledge, the Council would be honored to have you as the moderator for the panel discussion.

For ease of reference, please find attached a concept note on the panel. Please also note that the High Commissioner will make available an interim report on the human rights situation in South Sudan for the discussion. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Joseph Bonsu (jbonsu@ohchr.org) from the OHCHR secretariat, who is supporting the preparation of this panel.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of your participation and to hold a fruitful discussion in your presence.

Yours sincerely

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