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Your Excellency,

The human rights organization Amnesty International has gathered reliable proof that at least 14 people have been executed in your country since May 2018. Amnesty is also deeply concerned that nationwide 135 death row candidates – including one child and a mother with an infant – have been relocated to two central prisons in which further execution could happen.

The executions and the transfer of prisoners to central jails constitute an escalation of the use of the death penalty in South Sudan since its independence in 2011. Since then at least 140 people have been sentenced to death and a minimum of 39 people have been executed.

Without exception, Amnesty International is against the death penalty as it violates the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is a cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

Now, when most of the world has turned its back on the death penalty I ask the government of the Republic of South Sudan:

- to immediately take action to abolish the death penalty;
- to ensure that all death sentences will be commuted to prison sentences;
- to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Second Optional Protocol for the Abolishment of the Death Penalty without reservations.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.  
Yours sincerely,

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