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Your Excellency,

Amnesty International has gathered reliable proof that at least seven people have been executed since May 2018. Amnesty is also deeply concerned that nation wide 135 death row candidates - including one child and a mother with an infant - have been relocated to a central prison in which further execution could happen.

The executions and the transfers of prisoners to a central prison 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 32 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.

We 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 converted to prison sentences;
- to join the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the second Optional Protocol for the Abolishment of the Death Penalty without without reservations;

Yours sincerely,

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