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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York, NY

7 November 2016

Your Excellency,

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On behalf of the under-signed organizations, we welcome the publication of the *Executive Summary of the Independent Special Investigation into the violence which occurred in Juba in 2016 and UNMISS response*.

We are encouraged by the Executive Summary's strong findings and specific recommendations as to how both UNMISS and the Secretariat can better ensure the protection of civilians in South Sudan. We also commend the decision to name specific contingents implicated in poor performance during the July violence in Juba. This is a welcome and important step toward transparency for failures by UN peacekeeping operations to uphold protection of civilians mandates.

In this spirit, we strongly urge you to make public the full report of the Juba Independent Special Investigation, as well as the Special Investigation that examined the causes of the Malakal violence in February 2016. The Executive Summaries of these reports contain important information about human rights violations and abuses committed during the conflict as well as about UNMISS's performance in protecting civilians. We believe the public release of the full reports would provide critical further detail about the role of government and opposition forces during these incidents. We also believe that UNMISS, the UN Secretariat, the Security Council, and the wider UN System would benefit from a more transparent accounting of the challenges UNMISS faced in responding to threats against civilians.

In addition to publishing the full reports, we recommend that you issue regular public updates on the implementation of the recommendations of the Juba Independent Special Investigation and the Malakal Board of Inquiry. Particularly given the recurring challenges faced by UNMISS in implementing its protection of civilians mandate, swift and persistent follow-up on these recommendations must be a priority of your Executive Office, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support. Transparency around implementation will also help rebuild trust with civilians in South Sudan and with national and international partners, a key priority raised by the Independent Special Investigation.

Finally, we welcome the Independent Special Investigation's strong recommendations around the importance of improving peacekeepers' performance in protecting civilians in

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South Sudan. We encourage you to continue to press publicly and privately, including at the highest levels with individual troop- and police-contributing countries, for individual personnel and contingents who fail to protect civilians to be held accountable for their performance.

We are convinced that your persistent engagement on these issues can contribute to holding UN Peacekeeping operations to higher standards in the execution of their mandates to protect civilians, including in South Sudan.

Sincerely,

Amnesty International  
Center for Civilians in Conflict  
Human Rights Watch



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**Re: Letter to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon from Amnesty International, Center for Civilians in Conflict and Human Rights Watch on the release of the *Executive Summary of the Independent Special Investigation into the violence which occurred in Juba in 2016 and UNMISS Response***

Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the privilege to transmit the attached joint letter on behalf of Amnesty International, Center for Civilians in Conflict and Human Rights Watch on the release of the *Executive Summary of the Independent Special Investigation into the violence which occurred in Juba in 2016 and UNMISS Response*.

Your attention to the letter and its recommendations is most appreciated. The aforementioned organizations are at your disposal for additional information and consultation.

Sincerely,

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