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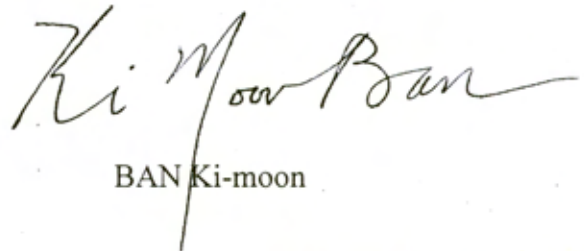
Excellency,

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) signed between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement will come to an end on 9 July 2011 when South Sudan becomes the newest nation of Africa. All international and national stakeholders have appreciated the support provided by the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) to the implementation of the CPA. In this regard, I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the indispensable role played by the Russian Aviation Unit based in Juba, South Sudan, as part of UNMIS.

As you are aware, the Government of Southern Sudan has requested the United Nations to deploy a follow-up Mission in South Sudan. The Security Council has expressed its intention to do so and is likely to adopt a resolution to this effect in the coming days.

In this regard, I would like to confirm the vital need for the continued support of the Russian Aviation Unit in South Sudan. I would appreciate the favourable consideration of your Government to my request that it extend the mandate of the Unit and initiate the necessary procedures required for the extension at this stage. Once the Security Council establishes the new mission in South Sudan, the Secretariat will immediately approach your Government in order to formalize all necessary arrangements.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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