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### **IGAD Executive Secretary's Statement on the Extension of South Sudan's Transitional Period and Call for Renewed Efforts in Implementing the Revitalised Peace Agreement**

**September 23, 2024, DJIBOUTI, Djibouti:** The Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), H.E. Workneh Gebeyehu (PhD) takes note of the extension of the Transitional Period of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS) by twenty-four (24) months from February 2025 to February 2027 and the elections from December 2024 to December 2026.

The Executive Secretary welcomes the consensual manner in which the decision has been passed and urges the Parties and the R-TGoNU to embrace and cultivate this spirit of dialogue, consultation and consensus building in all matters of governance particularly in passing decisions and resolving differences.

The Executive Secretary also calls upon the Parties and R-TGoNU to spare no efforts and to allocate adequate funding to complete outstanding tasks within the extended period to enable the timely holding of elections. This being the fourth extension since the signing of the R-ARCSS on 12th September 2018, it is incumbent upon the Parties that implementation is done in earnest and with a sense of urgency. In this regard, IGAD expects the Parties and the R-TGoNU to come up with concrete plan of action for implementation with feasible funding strategy.

IGAD, as the guarantor of the R-ARCSS, will continue to closely monitor the implementation of the R-ARCSS and support the democratic aspirations of the peace partners and the people of the Republic of South Sudan.



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