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STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on South Sudan

"We warmly welcome the continued commitment of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to find a solution to the South Sudan crisis, as demonstrated by the IGAD Summit earlier this week. We are encouraged by the signing of an agreement on security arrangements, which must be implemented immediately. We also urge the parties to follow up promptly on the protocol for a transitional government of national unity. They must now show their political commitment to implement these agreements for the benefit of all South Sudanese citizens. Failure by the parties to act on these issues will accelerate and intensify the humanitarian disaster looming in the country.

We are particularly concerned by the downing of a UNMISS helicopter on 26 August near Bentiu, which killed three of the crew members and injured one. We offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, the Government of the Russian Federation and all UNMISS personnel. We fully support the ongoing investigation led by the mission. This incident further underlines the absolute necessity for the immediate implementation of the security arrangements agreed at the IGAD summit."

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