



## STATEMENTS BY THE SPOKESPERSON

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The situation in South Sudan continues to be critical, as its people suffer from a humanitarian crisis and peace in the country remains elusive. Concrete initiatives are needed to make a difference. This is why the High Level Revitalisation Forum led by Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) which is due to begin immediately after the IGAD council of Ministers on December 17 is necessary and timely. The preparation work for these meetings has been thorough and inclusive.

IGAD has the opportunity now to lead a process that should bring hostilities to a standstill, create conditions for humanitarian access and to initiate a political dialogue to provide lasting peace to South Sudan. The EU expects all parties to the conflict to participate and to be ready for a compromise.

In light of the African Union Peace and Security Council Communiqué of 20 September, the EU reiterates its readiness to use any necessary tools to support the peace process, including restrictive measures, towards individuals obstructing the way towards progress.

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