

**Statement by His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit
President of the Republic of South Sudan
at the Communist Party of China in Dialogue with World
Political Parties High-Level Meeting**

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Your Excellency Xi Jinping, Secretary General of the CPC Central Committee and President of the People's Republic of China,

Your Excellencies Head of States and Governments,

Esteemed Leaders of Political Parties,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Allow me, your Excellencies, to extend my greetings and best wishes in the name of the Government and the people of the Republic of South Sudan. I would like to sincerely thank **President Xi Jinping** and the leadership of the **Communist Party of China (CPC)** for inviting me to join leaders of other likeminded political parties in this important meeting. My

invitation is an honour to the people of South Sudan and the Party I lead: the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM).

Excellencies,

Before I speak to the theme of this meeting, let me congratulate His Excellency Xi Jinping for his election as the Secretary General of the Central Committee of the CPC and his recent re-election as President of the People's Republic of China. My congratulations also goes to the committed leadership of the CPC for successfully organized the 20th National Congress of the CPC. Comrade Xi Jinping, My congratulation on your recent successes are informed by the SPLM and the CPC's excellent and strategic relations demonstrated by the continuous support we have received and keep receiving from the CPC.

Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

This meeting came at a challenging time in the world. We are faced today with complex security threats coming from geopolitical competition based on the unwillingness of some states to accept

fair and balanced global governance. To us in the developing world, this unbalanced global governance manifests itself in form of unjustified sanctions and embargo, which are often imposed under the banner of the United Nations, but are designed to support geopolitical interest of some powerful states.

With the situation of our world today, we as leaders of likeminded parties need to focus our attention on advocating for common values that binds humanity and respecting each other's paths and aspects of civilization. We need to say no to all forms of confrontation along ideological lines, and instead adopt a people-to-people exchanges and cooperation. This is the true meaning of the sovereign equality of states enshrined in the UN Charter.

Excellencies, distinguished guests,

Bilaterally, South Sudan and China enjoy strong relations based on mutual understanding. That is why the SPLM party and the government of South Sudan are committed to enhancing cooperation with China in different fields on a win-win basis. This formula suits us because we are blessed with natural resources that

can be used to lift our people out of poverty and China has the expertise and technology to partner with us.

It is on this basis that we consider China as our strategic partner and the foundation of our continued support for one China policy, FOCAC, One Belt One Road, Global Development and Global Security initiatives and joint support in International arena including strengthening SPLM - CPC cooperation in different fields.

We look forward to working together to build a community of nations on shared future for all humanity. Once again, I sincerely thank His Excellency President Xi Jinping for this opportunity, and other leaders in this meeting for listening. I wish you all and this great meeting a resounding success.

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