

**The United Nations Mission In Sudan****Press Release No. 00017****Workshop on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for  
Members of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly**

Juba, 6 December – The UNMIS Human Rights Office in Juba will hold a three-day workshop on promotion and protection of human rights, attended by 70 members of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly.

This will be an important occasion for the new Parliamentarians of the Government of Southern Sudan to discuss their roles and responsibilities in promoting and protecting human rights in the region. Key participants in the workshop will include Awut Deng Acuil, Advisor to the Presidency on Gender and Human Rights; Michael Makuei, Minister of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development; David Deng, Minister of Labor, Public Service and Human Resource Development. James Wani Igga, Speaker of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, will open the workshop while James Ellery, UNMIS Head of Office, Southern Sudan, will also make opening remarks.

The main focus of the UNMIS Human Rights Unit is to assist the development of domestic institutions and to strengthen civil society. Specific attention is being devoted to the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, as it is the institution through which the people of Southern Sudan can exercise their right to participate in the governance of the region.

This is the first public event organized by UNMIS Human Rights Office in Juba. It is the start of what UNMIS sees as a continuing process of supporting the institutions of Southern Sudan.

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