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from: Mr Nhial Deng NHIAL, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International
Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan

date of receipt: 26 March 2012

to: Ms Catherin ASHTON, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Accession of the Republic of South Sudan to the revised Cotonou Partnership
Agreement
- Letter from the Republic of South Sudan

Delegations will find attached a letter from the Republic of South Sudan regarding its request for accession to the revised Cotonou Partnership Agreement.

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The Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan to the Kingdom of Belgium and the EU presents its compliments to the European Union Council and happy forward to the latter letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan, concerning Republic of South Sudan accession to the Cotonou Partnership Agreement.

The Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan to the Kingdom of Belgium and the EU avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the European Union Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

**European Union Council
Brussels, Belgium**



20th March 2012
**Embassy of the Republic of
South Sudan
Brussels, Belgium**

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THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Baroness Catherine Ashton
President of the ACP-EU Council
Secretariat General of the Council of the European Union
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Belgium

20 March 2012-0

Dear Baroness Ashton

Re: Accession of the Republic of South Sudan to the revised Cotonou Partnership Agreement

On behalf of the Republic of South Sudan, I have the honour to present a request for accession to the Cotonou Partnership Agreement ("the Agreement"), as last revised in 2010 in Ouagadougou, to the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

South Sudan will shortly begin the procedures required under its Constitution in order to accede in conformity with terms outlined by Article 94 to the Agreement. It is envisaged that this process will be completed by 20 September 2012 at the latest.

Furthermore, in accordance with Article 8 of the Procedure of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers, the Republic of South Sudan would be grateful if the ACP-EU Council of Ministers allowed it to participate as observer in the ACP-EU joint institutions until such time as the Instrument of Accession is submitted.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group, as well as the European Union, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Nhial Deng Nhial

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Republic of South Sudan



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