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**Statement of the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and
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H.E. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General

H.E. Filippo Grandi, United Nations, High Commissioner for Refugees

Distinguished Gusts, Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the South Sudan I wish to thank UNCHR for inviting us to participate in this important gathering of UN member states- the Global Refugee Forum, an occasion where we come together to show-case our good practices for protection of refugees and share responsibility of hosting them.

The Republic of South Sudan has enacted laws in relations to refugee's protection and is a signatory to both regional and international conventions and protocols on refugees.

Your excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

In line with the principles of the Global Compact on Refugees, South Sudan makes the following pledges:

One: Creating enabling conditions for safe, dignified and sustainable return of South Sudanese refugees by enforcing rule of law and access to justice, strong presence of state organs at community level; and putting in place inclusive peace building structures and alternative conflict resolution mechanisms.

Two: Increase access to quality education for refugees and host communities and reduce out of school children rate by 2024 by improving school infrastructure, (construction and rehabilitation) and providing teacher training in refugee hosting areas; promoting psycho-social well-being of students (in particular girls) and strengthening 'Education Management Information System' (EMIS).

Three: Expand economic opportunities and ensure equitable economic development in refugee hosting areas by

- providing certified market driven vocational skills and training for 10,000 refugees and host community youth by 2024,
- working with host communities to expand access to arable land for refugees from 15,000 to 50,000 acres by 2024;
- promoting use of improved agricultural techniques;

- enhancing connecting solutions with Private sector (Nile pay and M-gursh technologies)
- providing a conducive environment for private sector investment, and

Four: Create access to sustainable and green energy solutions for refugees and host communities by planting 100 million trees in line with the national reforestation programme and policy; piloting of innovative approaches to resilience and climate-smart adaptation.

Your excellencies,

In conclusion, my governments is committed to bring peace to the country and we appreciate the role played by the regional, international community and humanitarian partners who saved many lives of our people, and those who have supported us to bring peace to our country. We appeal to you to remain committed to the people of South Sudan, the refugees, returnees and the host communities to enable us to achieve the pledges we have put forward.

Thank you.