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Mr. President,

Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada and The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute welcome the report of the Commission of Human Rights (CHRSS) on advancing human rights in South Sudan. We particularly appreciate the renewed attention to the enforced disappearances of human rights lawyer Dong Samuel Luak and opposition politician Aggrey Idri.¹

The humanitarian crisis in South Sudan remains severe. **Violence and impunity remain pervasive in the country.** We note the lack of concrete improvements with the utmost concern. Ongoing violations and abuses include extrajudicial executions and other unlawful killings, serious violations of international humanitarian law that may amount to crimes under international law. We are dismayed that South Sudanese human rights defenders and lawyers, both in the country and abroad, continue to face attacks and reprisals from State security forces. They are subjected to arbitrary arrest and detention, torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.²

The mandate of the CHRSS remains vital and should continue until the reasons that led the Council to establish this mechanism have been addressed in a meaningful manner.

Thank you, Mr. President.

¹ Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan (2023). [Entrenched repression: systematic curtailment of the democratic and civic space in South Sudan](#). 5 October 2023. A/HRC/54/CRP.6 at para. 152.

² Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan (2023) at para. 125