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UNMISS SECURITY HAND-OVER WILL CREATE JOBS

On Monday 1st July, the United Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) will commence a phased hand-over of its security by transferring protection of its premises to the private company Warrior Security (South Sudan). UNMISS has shared the plan with the Government of South Sudan.

There will be no job loss - only job creation. While UNMISS currently employs some 800 individual contractors as guards, Warrior Security (South Sudan) is forecast to employ nearly 4,000 South Sudanese across all ten states within the next 12 months. On the basis of previous satisfactory performance and training, s/he is expected to be recruited and deployed, enabling Warrior Security (South Sudan) to strengthen capacity-building of the national workforce.

The contract offered by Warrior Security (South Sudan) will ensure job security and continuity as well as social benefits such as a pension, annual leave and medical care. To improve the working environment of security guards, Warrior Security (South Sudan) is also introducing the eight-hour shift, rather than the current twelve-hour shift system. Salaries will remain above average in South Sudan.

Warrior Security (South Sudan) is based in South Sudan and is partly owned by South Sudanese nationals. It was registered in the then southern Sudan in 2007 and is operating throughout the country with currently approximately 2,100 employees. Among premises protected by Warrior Security (South Sudan) are government buildings, embassies, UN agencies and private facilities.

The new UNMISS security arrangements reflect the global policy of the United Nations (UN) system on the protection of UN premises. They are in accordance with the resolutions of the UN General Assembly (A/Res/59/289) which UNMISS must follow, as well as with budgetary decisions made by member states.

In the case of South Sudan, although the decision to outsource security to a private company had been made months ago, following the oil shutdown and subsequent economic difficulties, UN Headquarters in New York chose to delay its implementation by a year and a half in the interest of South Sudan and the individual contractors themselves.

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