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Gaborone, 12 July 2016: The Government of the Republic of Botswana notes, with grave concern, the recent renewed hostilities and fighting in Juba between forces loyal to President Salva Kiir and First Vice President, Dr. Riek Machar. These acts of aggression are a gross violation of the spirit and aspirations espoused in the ***Agreement of the Resolution of the Conflict of South Sudan*** signed in August 2015.

Botswana, whilst encouraged by the latest pronouncement of ceasefire by the leadership of the SPLA and SPLA-IO parties, nonetheless urges the leaders to do all in their power to ensure continued peace and stability in South Sudan. It is our hope that this call for cessation of hostilities will be observed to avert any further acts of violence.

The people of South Sudan have suffered enough from a protracted civil war, and deserve peace and stability, as well as development. Botswana further joins the international community in calling upon the leadership to remain committed to the continued implementation of the Peace Agreement.

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