



ROYAL MINISTRY  
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*Minister of Foreign Affairs*

9 July 2011

Your Excellency

I have the pleasure to refer to today's declaration of independence of the Republic of South Sudan, and have the honour to inform you that the Government of Norway as of today formally recognises the Republic of South Sudan as a sovereign and independent State.

Norway is confident that the Republic of South Sudan will develop into a state based on democratic values, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Norway encourages in this regard the Republic of South Sudan to become party to, as soon as possible, relevant international treaties, and stands ready to engage in a dialogue with the South Sudanese authorities on this issue.

Assuming confirmation by the Republic of South Sudan that the relations between our two countries will be conducted in accordance with the Vienna conventions on consular and diplomatic relations, the Kingdom of Norway is ready to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level with the Republic of South Sudan.

Norway is committed to a long-term development partnership with South Sudan that addresses the significant challenges faced by the new state. Norway also stands ready to discuss our bilateral treaty relations.

I look forward to close and constructive cooperation between our two countries.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonas Gahr Støre'.

Jonas Gahr Støre

H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit  
President of the Republic of South Sudan  
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