

**Petition to members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development – immediate embargo on arms supplies to South Sudan** Amnesty International 4 September 2014 We, the undersigned, call on members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to immediately impose a comprehensive arms embargo on South Sudan. We also call on IGAD to issue a communiqué requesting the United Nations (UN) Security Council to adopt a resolution imposing a comprehensive international arms embargo. Since the conflict in South Sudan broke out in December 2013, tens of thousands of people, many of them civilians, have been killed and 1.5 million forced to flee their homes. (...)

As long as these weapons are imported in to South Sudan, they are likely to be used to commit further atrocities. (...)

An arms embargo is needed to halt the supply of weapons to individuals and groups who have committed gross violations of human rights, war crimes and crimes against humanity and to protect civilians at grave risk.

An arms embargo, first imposed by IGAD and then by the UN Security Council, would require every state to take measures to prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of arms to

South Sudan. Such an embargo should last until effective mechanisms can ensure that weapons, munitions and other military equipment and technology sent to South Sudan will not be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law.

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