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Your Excellency:

As Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, it is my pleasure to send you my warmest greetings in Christ Jesus on the occasion of South Sudan's tenth anniversary of independence. July 9, 2011 was a day of great promise and hope, yet also a time of significant challenge as the newest country in the world faced enormous obstacles and an uncertain future.

Ten years later, we share your grief where South Sudan has not met the high hopes and expectations that marked 2011 as your country continues to struggle with intense conflict and economic collapse. It is edifying to hear how the Catholic Church and the South Sudan Council of Churches continue to raise a prophetic voice against the violence and misery. We pray that Our Lord will strengthen you as you continue to speak out against violence and work for peace in keeping with the gospel despite the enormous challenges.

Our Committee took great joy in standing by you alongside the road that culminated in your independence. We take this occasion of your country's tenth anniversary of independence to renew our solidarity with you in both your successes and your sorrows, knowing Christ is our victor in whom we cannot fail.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
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