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### **Japan Offers USD 1.5 Million for Peace Processes on South Sudan**

Japan has announced assistance of USD 1.5 million to support the ongoing peace dialogues on South Sudan. This contribution is a follow-up to the announcement by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the African Union's Headquarters on 14 January 2014 to provide approximately USD 320 million to respond to conflicts and natural disasters in Africa.

#### Republic of South Sudan: USD 1 million

To address the pressing security issues in South Sudan, approximately USD 1 million has been allocated for the allowances of civilian staff in the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) and the Monitoring and Verification Teams (MVTs) to implement the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM) in South Sudan through the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD). This critical support is expected to contribute to bringing about stability in South Sudan and implementing the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement signed by the Government of South Sudan and the SPLM/A In Opposition.

#### AU High-level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) on Sudan and South Sudan: USD 0.5 million

To support the efforts of the AUHIP, USD 0.5 million has been allocated, *inter alia*, to assist Sudan and South Sudan with their democratic transformation and their discussions towards stability along the border areas, including Abyei.

These contributions are part of Japan's assistance amounting to USD 5 million to the AU Peace Fund, communicated by Ambassador Kazuhiro Suzuki, Permanent Representative of Japan to the African Union, to AU Commissioner for Peace and Security Ambassador Smail Chergui in Addis Ababa today.

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