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Dear Archbishop Lukudu Loro

I am writing on behalf of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) to congratulate you and Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul on the first anniversary of South Sudan's independence as well as for the joint letter that you have produced, mapping out a Christian vision for how South Sudan needs to grow and evolve as well as spelling out your hopes for peace and cooperation between South Sudan and Sudan.

Your joint letter on the occasion of this first anniversary, which is such an important milestone in the "young" history of South Sudan is also the continuation of a process that was highlighted in the recent message from the joint meeting of Episcopal and Catholic Bishops in Yei in May of this year. This close relationship between the Catholic and Episcopalian Church is a sign of hope for South Sudan.

As you know, CBCEW remains committed to supporting the Church of Sudan and I wanted, on this very special occasion, to assure you and your brother bishops of our prayers and support.

Yours in Christ

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