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MEDIA NOTE

South Sudan Designated as an African Growth and Opportunity Act Country

On December 20, United States President Barack Obama designated the Republic of South Sudan as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) which means that South Sudan can now take advantage of duty-free access to the United States market for certain products. This important step means that South Sudan joins 38 Sub-Saharan African countries that enjoy benefits under AGOA and is an indication of the continued commitment of the United States to South Sudan's economic development.

AGOA is legislation approved by the U.S. Congress in May 2000 to assist the economies of sub-Saharan Africa and to improve economic relations between the United States and the region. AGOA provides trade preferences for quota and duty-free entry into the United States for certain goods. For additional information on AGOA, please visit <http://www.agoa.gov/>. For questions about this initiative in South Sudan, please contact the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section at JubaPAS@state.gov.

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