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On 9 July 2011, South Sudan is set to become an independent state. This follows an overwhelming vote for separation in a January 2011 referendum, as called for under the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

As South Sudan's government begins its term in office, Amnesty International calls on the President and his new government to place respect for and protection of human rights at the top of their political agenda.

We urge the government to take action in the following areas:

- ensure accountability for human rights violations by security forces;
- uphold the rights to freedom of expression and association;
- improve the administration of justice;
- immediately place a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty;
- protect women's rights; and
- adopt a human rights compliant legal framework.

## TAKE ACTION NOW

PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS POSTCARD TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

*Image:* Southern Sudanese celebrate the preliminary results of the independence referendum, Juba, 30 January 2011. © PHIL MOORE/AFP/Getty Images  
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**Your Excellency,**

I congratulate you on the independence of the Republic of South Sudan.

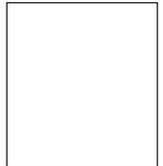
During your term in office, I hope that you will place human rights at the top of your agenda.

Specifically, I urge you to: ensure accountability for human rights violations by security forces; uphold the rights to freedom of expression and association; improve the administration of justice; immediately place a moratorium on executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty; protect women's rights; and adopt a human rights compliant legal framework.

Yours sincerely,

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_



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