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**REASSIGNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE AFRICAN
REGION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

1. Following the adoption of resolution A/Res/65/308 by the United Nations General Assembly, South Sudan was admitted as a Member State of the United Nations on 14 July 2011. South Sudan became a Member State of WHO on 27 September, 2011 and fell within the geographical scope of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.
2. The Republic of South Sudan has requested to be reassigned from the Eastern-Mediterranean Region to the African Region of WHO. The letter from the Minister of Health of South Sudan is attached herewith as Annex for ease of reference.
3. In accordance with World Health Assembly resolution WHA49.6 requests for reassignment should be examined by the regional committees concerned and their views should be conveyed to the World Health Assembly for its consideration before it acts upon the request.
4. The Regional Committee is invited to examine this request and express its views thereon in accordance with World Health Assembly resolution WHA49.6. The Regional Director will then convey the views of the Regional Committee to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly for its consideration and decision.

ANNEX

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
The Minister's Office

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Hon. Dr Sambo,


Subject: Reassignment of the Republic of South Sudan to the Regions of the World Health Organisation

The Ministry of Health, Government of the Republic of South Sudan presents its compliments to the Regional Office of the WHO for Africa (AFRO). In the context of the admission of the Republic of South Sudan as a member state of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation, we are formally requesting that the Republic of South Sudan be reassigned to the African Region of the World Health Organisation (AFRO).

Toward this endeavour, and in light of the Resolution WHA 49.6, Reassignment of Member States to Regions, we are proposing the Regional Committee of the WHO's African Region (AFRO), this year, to examine our request, and convey it to the 66th World Health Assembly in 2013. The Government of the Republic of South Sudan would appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

The Ministry of Health, Republic of South Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) its assurances of highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


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