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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
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FROM: Executive Director
Admissibility and

SUBJECT: The Republic of South Sudan Passports

The Republic of South Sudan officially became an independent country on July 9, 2011. The Republic of Sudan (ROS) and the Republic of South Sudan (ROSS) have yet to define who they consider "Southern Sudanese" for citizenship purposes. The two countries have agreed in principle to establish a transition period of nine months during which residents of both countries may adjust their citizenship status without penalty. However, the parties have yet to coordinate their draft nationality laws, to solidify the details of the transition period, or to finalize the details of possible enhanced residency and cross-border freedoms.

The Republic of South Sudan (ROSS) began issuing passports in August 2011. These new ROSS passports meet the U.S. requirements for passports under INA 101 (a)(30), and the Department of State is authorized to place visas in this passport. While the ROSS has issued passports, both governments currently are treating existing Sudanese (ROS) passports as legitimate travel documents for citizens of either country.

ROSS is producing regular, diplomatic, and special passports, with the latter serving as an equivalent to a U.S. official passport. The regular passport is dark blue, the diplomatic passport is brown, and the special passport is black. The passport books are produced in Germany, and contain microchips along with the associated e-Passport icon on the bottom of the cover.

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- The passports must be valid for a minimum of six months from the date of the expiration of the initial period of the alien's admission.
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