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TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

Addis Ababa, 3 June 2014: The Tripartite Committee (TC) for the Joint Approach to the International Community concluded a meeting in Addis Ababa on 03 June 2014.

The Tripartite Committee was established within the framework of the Agreement on Certain Economic Matters [ACEM] under the September 2012 Cooperation Agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of the Sudan and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan. It is composed of high-level representatives from the two countries and a representative of the African Union High Level Panel on Sudan and South Sudan.

The mandate of the TC is to develop modalities to be utilized for the Joint Approach to the international community for assistance to the two countries in four areas: (a) transitional financial assistance for Sudan, (b) development support for South Sudan, (c) comprehensive debt relief, and (d) the lifting of economic sanctions imposed on Sudan.

After evaluating the outreach to date and its outcomes, the TC completed a revised strategy and roadmap, together with ancillary documents, for future engagement with the international community.

The TC recognized that support from the international community will help the two States to improve their economic prospects towards the achievement of the objective of two viable States, which was the overriding guiding principle in the negotiation of the Cooperation Agreement.

The meetings were constructive and reinforced the high level of cooperation that has been established between the two countries in the implementation of the September 2012 Cooperation Agreements.