

In the Name Of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Compassionate

GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN'S DELEGATION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ISSUES
OF THE TWO AREAS

Addis Ababa, November 12 2014

8th Round

H. E President Thambo Mbeki, Chairperson of the AU-HIP,

H.E President El-haji Abulsalame Abu-bakar

Distinguished Members of the AUHIP

Honorable Representative of the IGAD

Honorable Representative of the UN

Ladies and Gentlemen

Honorable Guests

Assalamu alikum wa rahamatu-allahi wa barakatu

It gives me great pleasure to greet you all on my own behalf and on behalf of the delegation of the Government of the Republic of the Sudan, and let us pray to almighty Allah that this round of negotiations may be better than the previous ones, so that we can move forward towards the realization of peace and security in our

beloved homeland. We have arrived today to this beautiful African capital, as we have been constantly doing over the last period, guided by the hope that we may reach together with our brothers in the SPLM-N to an agreement that would end the sufferings of our people in the two areas. We have also been repeatedly indicating that the government of Sudan, unlike many governments of the world whose countries face internal conflicts, has been tirelessly endeavoring for peace through negotiations with its rebels. Not only that, but it considers that negotiations and dialogue are the only means for ending internal conflicts. In fact the Government of Sudan set many examples that need not be enumerated in this regard.

Chairperson,

Ladies and gentlemen,

We have come here full of hope and determination to arrive to an agreement that would stop the bloodshed in our country, and pave the way towards achieving sustainable peace and development in Sudan. We are here also to put an end to the suffering of the women, children and elders who have been dearly paying for the ambitions of certain people and their political agenda. We have come to finalize the framework agreement in which we made quite substantial strides

in April of this year 2014. We are here also to affirm to people who have been eagerly awaiting us and following what we have been doing that we are up to the challenge and to the brunt of the responsibility facing us.

For all what has been mentioned and more, we have come today representing hopes of the Sudanese people particularly in Southern Korofan and the Blue Nile that we can move towards the attainment of sustainable peace in which the lives and properties of citizens are safeguarded. We have come to complete what had been agreed upon in the previous round that we are for one country, one nation and one army; a country in which all citizens are equal in rights and obligations.

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen

The call for the national dialogue, which was initiated by H.E the President of the Republic in January this year, has indeed been a genuine call for the sake of the homeland. As you have been following, this call has gained the massive support of the Sudanese people as well as that of the different political stakeholders. The latest meeting of the general assembly a few days ago was attended

by most of the political parties and it was a clear manifestation of that support.

Therefore, we reiterate our call to all to join this comprehensive national dialogue process because it is the only way for us to reach a consensus on the constants and solutions for our major problems that have been a subject of a contentious debate since the time before independence and up to this moment.

We hope that all will come to this dialogue sincerely and free from all types of agenda or affiliations, save the honorable affiliation to the Sudan our homeland.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Your Excellency, to H.E President El-haji Abulsalame Abu-bakar, to our brothers and sisters in the AUHIP and through you to our mother organization the AU. Our thanks and appreciations also go to the IGAD and its leadership in the person of H.E the Ethiopian Prime Minister, Mr. Hailemeriam Desalgne and to the Government and the people of the sisterly Republic of Ethiopia. I would also like to thank the honorable representatives of the United

Nations and all brothers and friends who have been following and supporting the peace process in Sudan, hoping that this meeting will make a breakthrough in the peace process, a matter which requires shunning away from tactics which will not be of any use and will not lead us to what we are aspiring to achieve. We say it once again that war and guns will never accomplish agendas and that it is only by means of dialogue that we can reach our goals.

I thank you for your attention

Prof. Ibrahim Ghandour

Head of GoS delegation

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