

In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the most Merciful

AGREEMENT OF GOOD WILL AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM IN DARFUR

Under the kind auspices of the State of Qatar and the AU-UN Joint Chief Mediator for Darfur, a meeting was convened from 10th to 17th of February 2009 in Doha, capital of the State of Qatar between a delegation from the Government of National Unity of the Republic of Sudan (GNU) and a delegation from the Justice and Equality Movement Sudan (JEM) to pursue a negotiated peaceful settlement for the Sudan conflict in Darfur.

The two Parties hereby:

Firstly: Highly appreciate the role of the State of Qatar as the Host Country and agree upon Doha as the venue for the talks between them.

Secondly: Appreciate the kind auspices by H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar and the mediation by the esteemed Government of the State of Qatar and the AU-UN Joint Chief Mediator, Mr Djibrill Bassolé;

Thirdly: Recognise the constructive support to the peace process provided by neighboring countries and the international community;

Fourthly: Declare their intent to work towards ending the ongoing conflict between them, as follows:

1. Give the peace process a strategic priority over other issues to settle the conflict in Darfur;
2. Agree to adopt a comprehensive approach which addresses the root-causes of the problem and realizes a lasting peace in the country.
3. Agree to take all necessary measures to create a conducive environment for reaching a lasting settlement of the conflict, including :
 - a) Refrain from all kinds of harassment of IDPs.
 - b) Guarantee the smooth and unobstructed flow of relief assistance to the needy people without any obstacles or constraints.



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- c) Commit to exchange prisoners and release imprisoned, convicted, detained and arrested persons in relation to the conflict between them with a view to building confidence and accelerating the peace process. The State of Qatar and the AU-UN Joint Chief Mediator will maintain contacts with both parties to workout a time-line for concluding the release of the above-mentioned.
- 4. Work towards an early framework agreement that leads to cessation of hostilities and lay down the basis for detailed issues.
- 5. Undertake to follow the framework agreement with serious talks to end the conflict in the shortest possible time, not to exceed three months.
- 6. Pledge to remain engaged in the peace process and to maintain representatives in Doha to prepare a framework agreement for the final talks.

Done in three languages, in Arabic, English and French, all texts are equally authentic.

Signed in Doha on 17th February 2009

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