

DECLARATION

NAIROBI DECLARATION ON UNITY BETWEEN THE SPLM/SPLA AND SPDF

The leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Sudan People's Liberation Army SPLM/SPLA, Dr. John Garang de Mabior

AND

The leader of the Sudan People's Democratic Front and Sudan People's Defence Force (SPDF), Dr. Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon;

MEETING in Nairobi, Kenya, on January 5 - 6th 2002 on their own without the benefit of external inclination and pressure;

HAVING EVALUATED the situation of war and peace in the Sudan and the way forward for the just resolution of the conflict;

CONVINCED that the unity of our people is paramount for the success of the liberation struggle;

CONCERNED of the recalcitrant and bellicose attitude of the NIF regime and its rejection of the Right of Self-determination for the people of Southern Sudan including Abyei, and Southern Blue Nile, Southern Kordofan and other marginalized areas of the Sudan, while imposing at the same time an Islamic state in the country;

ALARMED by the determination of the NIF regime to impose an Islamic state and dictatorship on the people of the Sudan and perpetuate it by all means;

DETERMINED to halt the vandalism and wanton looting of our oil and other natural resources and their use for prosecution of the war by the illegitimate, fascist and Islamic Fundamentalist regime in Khartoum;

FULLY AWARE that a united stand is the only sure way to bring the war to a just and speedy end;

HEREBY AGREE:

To an immediate merger of the two Movements under the historical name of SPLM/SPLA and on the basis of the following principles:

1. The administration of the Sudan as a Confederal/Federal United Secular Democratic New Sudan during an Interim Period, as a form of an Interim Unity.
2. Self-determination for the people of Southern Sudan including Abyei, Southern Kordofan, Southern Blue Nile and other marginalized areas, which has been accepted by all the political forces in the country;



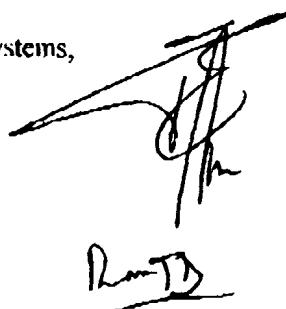

3. The New Sudan of justice and equality for all regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or gender, as an aspiration by many Sudanese, but one that is without prejudice to the Right of Self Determination;
4. Reaffirmation of the critical importance of continued SPLM/SPLA role within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), which is currently the sole potential vehicle for realisation of the vision of the New Sudan.
5. Reaffirmation of the IGAD Peace Process and Declaration of Principles (DoP) upon which it is based, as the most credible peace process that will bring about a just and lasting negotiated political settlement in the Sudan.
6. Unity of the people and their struggle;
7. Participatory democracy;
8. Respect of institutions, separation of powers and collective leadership;
9. Decentralisation (Regionalism/Federalism) as the system of governance in the liberated areas;
10. Respect for and promotion of human rights;
11. Establishment and supremacy of the rule of law;
12. Establishment of a judicial system independent from the army and the Executive;
13. Creation of an enabling environment for the growth of civil society;
14. Peace through development, promotion of free market economy and private enterprise, and provision of social services;
15. Mobilization of all the human and material resources in the liberated areas and the Diaspora to step up the liberation struggle;
16. Recommend to the next SPLM National Convention the issue of electing democratically political leaders (local Councils, Commissioners, Governors, etc.) to run the affairs of the people in a framework of democratic governance;
17. Freedom of delivery of relief and humanitarian assistance to the needy;
18. Reorganisation of the army into national formations and local defence forces;
19. The army shall be part of and subordinate to the political organ of the Movement;
20. The above principles shall be interpreted in the context of the liberation struggle;

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

The two parties further agree on the following measures to effect this Declaration:

1. In conformity with this declaration, there shall be immediate cessation of hostilities and coalescence of previously antagonistic military units into a single entity to engage enemy forces in combat operations;
2. To conduct immediate military operations against forces of the NIF regime, as well as to intensify all other forms of struggle;
3. Free Movement of people, both civilians and military, in all the liberated areas, including traders, and free movement of goods and services;
4. To constitute forthwith, technical committees to work out detailed recommendations on the following issues:
 - (a) Integration of military forces,
 - (b) Integration of political structures and governance systems,

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- (c) Streamlining of humanitarian institutions;
5. The Technical Committees shall present their recommendations to the two leaders for approval within one month from the date of their formation.
 6. We call upon groups and individuals to join the unity process;
 7. We declare the year 2002 as the year of reconciliation, peace and unity among our people and appeal to all to join and actively promote this process.

FINALLY, the two leaders call upon the international community, international and indigenous NGOs, friends and people of good will to support this initiative on peace and unity.

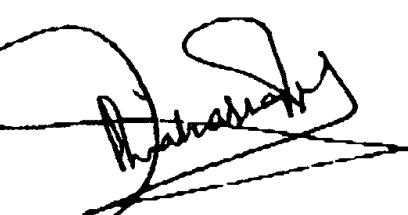
Made under our hands this 6th day of January 2002.

(SIGNED):



Dr. John Garang de Mabior
Chairman & C-in-C, SPLM/SPLA

DATE: 6/1/2002



Dr. Rick Machar Teny-Dhurgon
Chairman & C-in-C, SPDF

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