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AGREEMENT ON THE STATUS OF DETAINEES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (GRSS) AND THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY (IN OPPOSITION) SPLM/A (IN OPPOSITION)

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan (hereinafter referred to as the Government abbreviated as (GRSS), and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (in Opposition) (hereinafter referred to as SPLM/A (in Opposition), separately referred to as a Party and jointly referred to as "the Parties" agreed on the question of status of detainees, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"

Recognizing that both Parties acknowledge the role that the detainees can play in the ongoing dialogue of South Sudan in line with the Communiqué of the 23rd Extra-ordinary Session of the Heads of State and Government, issued in Nairobi on the 27th December 2013 on the situation in South Sudan (hereinafter referred to as "the IGAD Communiqué");

Cognizant of the central role played by the IGAD countries as expressed in the IGAD Communiqué;

Noting that IGAD Special Envoys and IGAD Partners have undertaken several consultative meetings with both the Parties and the detainees, understanding that the ownership of the Parties of the peace process in search of sustainable political solution to the crisis in South Sudan is vital;

Noting further the Decision of the African Union Peace and Security Council Meeting at the level of the Head of States and Governments in Banjul, the Gambia, on 30th December 2013 on South Sudan crisis;

Recalling the strenuous efforts of the IGAD Special Envoys and the IGAD Partners in mediating the conflict;

Mindful of the desire of the people of South Sudan to live in peace and dignity in an all-inclusive democratic society, based on justice, equality, respect for human rights and the rule of law;

Welcoming the signing of the Cessation of Hostilities (CoH) Agreement by the Parties as a major breakthrough towards resolving the crisis,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS;

1. IGAD AND IGAD PARTNERS COMMITMENT

The Parties recognize, as per the Communiqué of the 23rd Extra-Ordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the 27th December 2013 on the situation in South Sudan that IGAD and the Partners of IGAD are firmly committed to undertake every effort to expedite the release of the detainees.

2. COMMITMENT OF PARTIES

The Parties remain fully committed to the outcome of the peace process and welcome the spirit of an all-inclusive dialogue to resolve the issues connected with the current crisis in the country.

3. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

The Parties agree to establish an all-inclusive National Reconciliation Process in which the detainees and other political actors, civil society organizations, traditional and religious leaders have a significant role to play.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties, which shall be in writing and signed by the Parties.

5. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

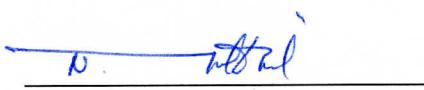
Any dispute that may arise from the implementation and interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably by the mediation of the IGAD Special Envoys.

6. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties.

In witness of the above, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Agreement on this 23rd day January 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**For the Government of
the Republic of South Sudan**

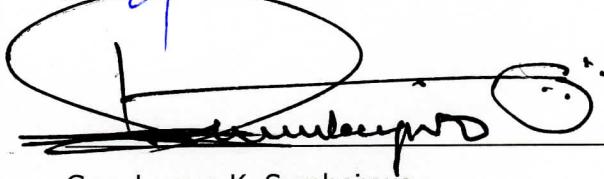

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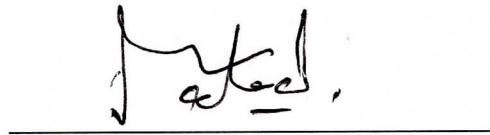
**For the Sudan People's
Liberation Movement/Army
(in Opposition)**


Gen. Taban Deng Gai

Witnessed by the IGAD Special Envoys


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