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### **Letter dated 20 March 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the decisions of the ordinary meeting of the Joint Political and Security Mechanism between the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan, held in Khartoum on 18 March 2019 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Omer Dahab Fadl **Mohamed**  
Permanent Representative



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**JOINT POLITICAL AND SECURITY MECHANISM  
Between the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of  
the Sudan**

**Ordinary Meeting**

**Monday, March 18, 2019**

**Khartoum – Sudan**

**We the under-signed**, Co-Chair of the Joint Political and Security Mechanism (JPSM) of the Republic of South Sudan and Acting Chair of the Republic of the Sudan;

**Acting** pursuant to the Decisions of the ordinary JPSM Meeting of 12 October 2018 held in Juba, South Sudan;

**Continuing** to recommit ourselves and our sisterly nations to the principles of good neighbourliness, national sovereignty and territorial integrity;

**Reiterating** our full and unwavering commitment to the full implementation of the Agreement on Security Arrangements signed between our two countries on 27 September 2012 in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa;

**Motivated** by the recent improvement in the relations between our two sisterly countries as unprecedentedly exemplified by our leaders, H.E. President Omar Hassan Ahmed El Bashir of the Sudan and H.E. President Salva Kiir Myardit of South Sudan;

**Grateful** for the continuous support of the African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) and the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) and the United Nations in general;

**Welcoming and encouraged** by the report presented to the Parties during the meeting by UNISFA, which generally shows remarkable progress by the Parties in the implementation of the decision to redeploy from the areas of the Safe Demilitarised Buffer Zone (SDBZ);

**Expressing concern**, nonetheless, for the continuous presence of armed elements of the South Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army In Opposition (SPLA-IO) in Abu-Qussa within the SDBZ;

**Grateful** for the continuity in the positive spirit cultivated between the Heads of State of the two countries as shown in the continuous efforts being exerted in the quest for a lasting peace in South Sudan;

Met here for an ordinary meeting in Khartoum, this 18th day of March 2019, and resolved the following;

**1. On the report presented to the meeting by the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei;**

(i) The Meeting welcomes the report of UNISFA and appreciates the progress made since the last meeting of 12 October 2018 in the implementation of the decision for the Parties to redeploy their forces from the areas of the SDBZ as agreed upon;

(ii) The JPSM agrees to redeploy any forces that might still be inside the SDBZ within thirty days from the date of this meeting, and to provide UNISFA with notification for its necessary verification;

(iii) It regrets the reported presence of armed elements from the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army In Opposition (SPLA-IO) inside the areas of the SBDZ in Abu-Qussa (Wun-Kur), and decides to engage the said group's leadership in regards to the matter in collaboration with UNISFA;

(iv) It further decides that the current temporary location of the UNISFA Team Site in Al Amira shall remain before shifting to the location at Abu-Qussa;

(v) The JPSM adopts the recommendations presented in the UNISFA report for implementation;

(vi) The meeting directs UNISFA to remain in its present location at the Teshwin Team Site before relocating in the next dry season to its permanent location, and in its context declares that oil companies operating in the area should not obstruct the operations of UNISFA and the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM);

## **2. On the 14-Mile Area Ad Hoc Committee**

(i) The JPSM directs the 14-Mile Ad Hoc Committee to reconvene as early as possible, in collaboration with UNISFA, to complete its mission, and to report about the same in the next JPSM meeting;

## **3. On the Issue of the Border Crossings Corridors**

(i) The Meeting decides to expedite the process of reopening the agreed six border crossing corridors within thirty days from the signing of this document, and directs the Joint Technical Border Corridors Committee to implement this decision;

(ii) The JPSM maintains that the responsibility of demarcating the final borderline is the duty of the Joint Border Commission (JBC), and underscores that the centerline of the SDBZ does not constitute the permanent border;

## **4. On the Issue of the National Monitors**

The JPSM decides to complete the deficit of National Monitors within the JBVMM within thirty days from the signing of this document.

## **5. On the Outcomes of this Meeting**

The JPSM request UNISFA to forward the decisions of this ordinary meeting to the United Nations Security Council before the latter's upcoming session of April 2019;

## **6. On the Date for the Next Meeting**

The JPSM decides to hold the next session of the ordinary meeting on Wednesday, 17 April 2019 in the city of Juba.

Agreed between and signed by:

Hon. Eng. Kuol Manyang Juuk  
Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs  
Republic of South Sudan  
JPSM Co-Chair

Gen (psc) Dr. Kamal Abudulmaruf El Mahi  
For and on behalf of the Minister of Defence  
Republic of the Sudan  
JPSM Co-Chair