



SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS



December 6-12, 2014

COMMUNIQUE

Under the theme "Search for sustainable peace and good governance in South Sudan", the SPLM/SPLA Conference attended by over five thousand delegates from the ten (10) states of South Sudan, the neighbouring countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda and the Diaspora [Australia, Canada, Britain and USA] convened in Pagak, Maiwut County, Upper Nile State between 6th and 12th December 2014 to consult on and evaluate the IGAD Mediated Peace Process on South Sudan conflict.

believe that the ongoing conflict can be resolved only by peaceful means;

Cognizant that the present conflict has devastated South Sudan particularly the three states of Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile;

Mindful that continuation of the war exacerbates the already worsen humanitarian situation;

Welcome the decision of the African Union to include in the IGAD Mediated Peace Process the following countries namely; South Africa, Rwanda, Nigeria, Chad and Algeria;

Call on International Community to continue support to South Sudan IGAD led peace process;

Urge IGAD to exercise impartiality and neutrality in the mediation of South Sudan peace process;

Reaffirm and recommit the SPLM/SPLA to the IGAD mediated peace process and directed the SPLM/SPLA leadership to continue the political and diplomatic efforts towards achieving a durable peace in South Sudan;


The SPLM/SPLA conference resolved *inter alia* as follows:

1. Reaffirms total and undivided loyalty to the leadership of Dr. Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgoun and the SPLM/SPLA;
2. Mandates the SPLM/SPLA team under the leadership of General Taban Deng Gai to continue with the negotiation in order to achieve just and durable peace in the country;

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3. Recommits SPLM/SPLA to peaceful resolution of South Sudan civil war through IGAD Mediation Process that addresses the root causes of the conflict, reforms in governance system, reconciliation and healing; and the creation of conditions for sustainable peace, restoration of social capital and stimulation of socio-economic development in South Sudan;
4. Appreciates the IGAD Special Envoys for their relentless efforts in steering the negotiation towards resolution of the conflict;
5. Confirms that the SPLM/SPLA shall do whatever in its power to uphold, protect and defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of South Sudan and therefore rejects any threat of external intervention in South Sudan;
6. Condemns in no uncertain terms the government military offensives, in the months of November and December 2014 in Canal, Phom Ziraf, Unity Oil Fields, Korfulus etc, in a clear and flagrant violation of the "**Cessation of Hostilities (COH) Agreement**" [January 23rd, 2014] and calls on IGAD and the International Community to restrain the regime of Salva Kiir from such acts;
7. Reaffirms commitment to federal system of governance which restores power to the people;
8. Welcomes the establishment of the Transitional Federal Government of National Unity (TFGONU) that is made up of:
 - i. The President as head of the State;
 - ii. The Prime Minister as head of the Government; and
 - iii. Council of Ministers
9. The TFGONU shall undertake critical reforms affecting all government institutions during the transitional period both at national and state levels;
10. Commends various National Committee Reports and urged for consistent periodic reporting;
11. Approves and declares establishment of Twenty One (21) States based on former colonial districts in South Sudan.

Signed:



12/12/2014

Dr. Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgoun
Chairman and Commander-in-Chief
SPLM/SPLA