

AFRICAN UNION

الاتحاد الأفريقي



UNION AFRICAINE

UNIÃO AFRICANA

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, P.O. Box: 3243 Tel.: (251-11) 5513 822 Fax: (251-11) 5519 321
Email: situationroom@africa-union.org - Web site: www.au.int

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION ON THE AGREEMENT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH SUDAN

Addis Ababa, 7 August 2018: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, welcomes the signing of the Agreement on Outstanding Issues of Governance, in Khartoum, on 5 August 2018. This constitutes an important step in ending the conflict in South Sudan and the suffering inflicted on its people.

The Chairperson of the Commission urges the South Sudanese parties to sustain the momentum arising from the signed agreement, by continuing to demonstrate the required spirit of compromise and implementing in good faith the commitments they have made. The people of South Sudan have suffered far too long, and their aspirations for lasting peace and security can no longer be deferred.

The Chairperson of the Commission congratulates President Omar Hassan al-Bashir and the other leaders of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), for their tireless efforts and determination in the quest for peace, security and reconciliation in South Sudan. He takes note of the decision by the IGAD leaders to entrust President al-Bashir with the continuation of the mediation process, with the view to completing the remaining steps in the revitalization of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan.

The Chairperson of the Commission reiterates the African Union's support to the IGAD-led process. In this respect, the High-Level ad hoc Committee on South Sudan, led by President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa and comprising the Heads of State of Algeria, Chad, Nigeria and Rwanda, as well as the African Union High Representative for South Sudan, former President Alpha Oumar Konaré of Mali, will remain actively engaged to assist the ongoing process, in whatever way deemed appropriate.