ROADMAP AGREEMENT

The undersigned Parties met in Addis Ababa from 18 to 21 March, 2016 in a strategic meeting facilitated by the African Union High Level Implementation Panel on Sudan and South Sudan (AUHIP) to accelerate progress towards ending the conflicts in Darfur and The Two Areas of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile (the Two Areas).

The Parties reiterate their commitment urgently to end the conflicts in Darfur and The Two Areas of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile peacefully and to ensure that the populations affected have the necessary humanitarian assistance.

The Parties further reiterate their commitment to the view that the people of Sudan should engage one another in an inclusive National Dialogue to address the various challenges facing the country.

Accordingly, the Parties agree as follows:

Definitions:

“CoH” means Cessation of Hostilities;

“PC” means Permanent Ceasefire;

“Two Areas” means The Two Areas of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile;

“JEM” means the Justice and Equality Movement;

“SLM/A-MM” means the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army-Mini Minawi;

“SPLM-N” means the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement-North; and

“NUP” means National Umma Party.
1. They will urgently resume their negotiations to conclude a Cessation of Hostilities (CoH) leading to a Permanent Ceasefire (PC) Agreement; with respect to the Two Areas, negotiations will be conducted between the Government and the SPLM-N; with respect to Darfur, negotiations will be conducted between the Government and JEM and SLM-MM;

1.1. simultaneously they will conclude an Agreement providing for immediate Humanitarian Assistance; and,

1.2. these negotiations will be based on the existing Draft Agreements;

2. The Agreements to end the conflicts should be synchronised with Agreements on the relevant political matters;

2.1. the parallel CoH and PC negotiations relating to Darfur and the Two Areas will therefore also include political matters specifically relevant to Darfur and the Two Areas;

2.2. a Joint Committee/Committees will be established to ensure the necessary synchronisation between the implementation of the Permanent Ceasefire and security arrangements and the conclusion of the relevant political processes.

2.3. political matters that are national in nature should therefore be discussed within the context of Sudan’s inclusive National Dialogue; and,

3. The Parties acknowledge that the Sudan National Dialogue convened by H.E. the President of the Republic started in Khartoum in October, 2015;

3.1. however they also acknowledge that this National Dialogue was not sufficiently inclusive as it did not include the signatories to this Roadmap Agreement, namely the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army-Mini Minawi (SLM/A-MM), the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N), the National Umma Party (NUP);
3.2. accordingly they agree that the 7+7 Committee of the National Dialogue referred to in paragraph 3 above should urgently meet, in Addis Ababa, the organisations mentioned under 3.1 above to consider such steps as should be taken to achieve the inclusivity in the National Dialogue which the Parties agree is vital.

4. The Parties agree that recommendations concerning the future of Sudan should emanate from a truly inclusive process which should include the organisations mentioned under 3.1 above;

4.1. this is particularly important as the decisions reached through such an inclusive process would serve as the basis of the National Constitution which should be negotiated through an inclusive process.

5. The Parties will also negotiate a Roadmap, with timeframes, which will encompass the various steps visualised in this Roadmap Agreement.

6. The Parties, in consultation with the AUHIP, will determine the timeframes for the actions required in this Roadmap Agreement.

7. The Parties will do everything possible to implement the provisions in this Roadmap Agreement convinced of the urgent need to bring about a just peace throughout Sudan, which peace must address all the important issues which have historically divided the people of the Republic.
Done in Addis Ababa, this 21st Day of March, 2016:

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On behalf of the Government of Sudan

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Al-Imam Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi
Chairman of the National UMMA Party

Witnessed by:

H.E. Thabo Mvuylwamba Mbeki
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