RESOLUTIONS OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT BORDER COMMISSION (JBC)

Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

8th October 2015
Introduction
The Joint Border Commission (JBC) between the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Sudan held its fourth meeting from 6th – 8th October 2015, at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the auspices of the African Union Commission, AU Border Programme (AUBP). Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth headed the South Sudanese delegation while Hon. Dr. AlRashid Haroun headed the Sudanese delegation.

Officials from the African Union in attendance were: Mr. El-Ghassim Wane, Director of Peace and Security Department; Ambassador Aguibou Diarra, the Head of AUBP; Amb. Mahmoud Kane, the Head of the AU Liaison Office in Sudan; Mr. Mashood Issaka, Political Officer in the AU Liaison Office in South Sudan; Mr. Grant Bowers; Ms. Selome Paulos; and Ms. Martha Mulugeta.

Mr. Zabron Masele, AUBP expert on Border and Mr. David Habwe were in attendance. Prof. Abdulla el Sadiq Ali - JDC Co-Chair and Maj. Gen. (Eng.) Elamin Banaga - JDC Member both from Sudan; and Amb. Darius Garang Wol - JDC Co-Chair and Eng. James Laa Ajarial - JDC Member both from South Sudan were also in attendance.

Present
Below is the list of Sudanese and South Sudanese delegation present at the fourth meeting of the Joint Border Commission (JBC):

Sudan
Hon. Dr. El-Rasheed Haroun Adam - Co-Chair
Lt. Gen. Eng. Imad Adawi - Member
Dr. Muaz Ahmed M. Tungo - Member
Ambassador Hassan Adam Omar - Member
Ambassador Osama Yasin - Member
Mr. Telal Suliman - Secretariat

South Sudan
Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth - Co-Chair
Hon. Wek Mamer Kuol - D/Co-Chair
Dr. Gabriel Isaac Awow - Member
Dr. James Janthana Bango - Member
Eng. Oliver Marco Ramego - Member
Mr. William Lochi Lohitomoi - Secretariat

RESOLUTIONS OF THE JBC MEETING
After the deliberations, the JBC resolved to:

1) Direct the JDC to embark on its technical agenda and mandate and not to refer issues of such nature to the JBC.
2) Periodically review the status of implementation of its previous resolutions after every two meetings.
3) Direct the JDC to prepare a demarcation plan including the budget for the entire boundary line, and to be presented to the next JBC meeting.
4) Direct the JDC to formulate its Internal Rules of Procedure and present it to the JBC for adoption and approval.

5) Agree at the level of both JDC and JBC on the proposed agenda before the convening of their respective meetings.

6) Implement at the level of the JDC and JBC resolutions referred to them.

7) Instruct the JDC to initiate modalities for requesting financial and technical support from AU.

8) Direct the JDC to develop capacity building programme for the Joint Technical Team (JTT) and JDC.

9) Urge the JDC to develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the JTT.

10) Expedite the process of opening an Escrow Account in Qatar National Bank.

11) Hold the next JDC and JBC meetings from the 10th – 23rd and from 24th – 27th November respectively, in Malawi.

Done in AU Headquarters, Addis Ababa, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia,

on this 8th Day of October 2015

Hon. Dr. AlRashid Haroun Adam  
Co-chair Joint Border Commission (JBC)  
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