Agreement
on
Security Arrangements
between
The Republic of the Sudan
and
The Republic of South Sudan

Addis Ababa, 27 September 2012
The Government of Sudan and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (hereinafter, “The Parties”) do adopt this Agreement:

Recognising the importance of their mutual security, they shall renounce permanently, any resort to war or violence in the conduct of their relations. The Parties shall refrain from any action that may contribute to insecurity in either state, recognizing the adverse effects of conflict on the citizens of and the relations between the two States.

Renewing their commitment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Non-Aggression and Cooperation of 10 February 2012, in accordance with the agreed definition of aggression signed by the Parties on 23rd June 2012. In particular:

Renewing their commitment to the cessation of harbouring of, or support to rebel groups against the other State.

Renewing their commitment to immediately cease all hostile propaganda and inflammatory statements in the media.

The Parties agree:

1. In accordance with previously adopted agreements, the Parties shall immediately issue instructions to their forces to withdraw unconditionally to their side of the border. Each Party shall relay relevant information on its withdrawal to the JBVMM, which shall monitor accordingly.

2. The Parties shall immediately operationalize the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mission (JBVMM) and the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone. The Parties agree that the JBVMM shall be operationalized in accordance with the Agreement on the Border Monitoring Support Mission of 30 July 2011 as well as the JPSM reference documents adopted on 18 September 2011.

3. The Parties agree that the SDBZ will be operationalised in accordance with the administrative and security map presented to the Parties by the AUHIP in November 2011 with additional special arrangements for the operationalisation of the SDBZ in the '14 mile' area which shall include complete demilitarisation of the '14 mile' area, maintaining the status quo of
the joint tribal mechanisms for the resolution of disputes. These special arrangements will be supported by the JBVMM and the Ad-Hoc committee of the JBVMM Sector HQ, reporting to the JPSM. The two armed forces North and South of the demilitarized area are to remain in their current base locations. The JBVMM will verify no movement by military forces and armed civilians in the demilitarized area. The Ad-Hoc committee will investigate any threats emanating to these arrangements from beyond the demilitarized area. Neither party will alter force dispositions in the border area without consultation with the JPSM, through the Ad-Hoc committee. These additional measures are temporary whilst the parties resolve the final status of the boundary.

4. The Parties shall immediately activate the Ad-Hoc Committee to receive and investigate complaints and allegations made by one party against the other, in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed on 23 June 2012. The Ad-Hoc Committee shall be formally activated by the Co-chairs of the JPSM as a JPSM sub-committee with a standing secretariat.

5. In accordance with the JPSM agreement of 18 September 2011, the Parties agree to immediately open the 10 agreed border-crossing corridors. The modalities for the opening of these corridors shall be agreed by the JPSM. The JBVM shall monitor this process.
Done in Addis Ababa, this 27th Day of September, 2012:

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Minister of Defence,
On behalf of:
The Republic of the Sudan

H.E. John Kong Nyuon
Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs,
On behalf of:
The Republic of South Sudan

 Witnessed by:

H.E. General Abdułsalami Abubakar
On behalf of the African Union High Level Implementation Panel for Sudan