### In the name of Allah the merciful the compassionate

From the Quran: "and we have bestowed dignity on human beings and carried them on land and sea and made them better than many others of our creation" [not the best translation!]

## Memorandum of Understanding

# Firstly,

#### Objectives

- This MOU aims at realizing security, settlement, and peaceful coexistence between the tribes of the Rizeigat and the Dinka.
- The strengthening of the everlasting and continuous relations of kinship, friendship, and neighborhood between the Rizeigat and the Dinka across long ages.
- Taking a more higher view and going beyond insignificant and little issues with the purpose of creating an environment and an atmosphere that is healthy in order to consolidate unity and reject fighting between the Dinka and Riziegat tribes;
- The two parties commit themselves to combat all that might exacerbate the conflict between the tribes of the Dinka and the Rizeigat.
- 5. The two parties work together to address all the consequences that resulted from the recurrent wars in the region.
- The Rizeigat members of CEAWC will sign the forms related to the children who lost their families because of the consequences of the wars referred to above.
- 7. The two parties commit themselves not to undertake any legal measures against any individual from the two tribes in the context of the process of collecting the children in what is known as the abduction operation that the Government admitted in front of the General Assembly of the UN.
- The Rizeigat party commits itself to protect the Dinka Committee, which works with them by providing the necessary protection.
- The Dinka party commits itself to protect the Rizeigat committee working with them when it moves to work in the Dinka areas.
- 10. The two parties commit themselves to providing the necessary protection to each other in the areas that relate to any of the two parties.
- 11. In the cases where there is conflict between the married couples from the two tribes and which in turn causes conflict over children, the two parties adhere to resolution through the prevalent custom in the region.
- 12. In case any Dinka or Rizeigat rejects to hand over the children and women in the abduction cases, the joint committee uses all the methods including the legal ones for the purpose of the safe return of the children and women to their families.

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## Secondly,

#### Facts

- The Dinka Committee headed by Omda James Agwer has been working, secretly and publicly, in the collection/retrieval of Dinka [abducted children and women] since 1989.
- The Committee contacted some of the Rizeigat and requested their assistance in collecting the children who lost their families due to the repeated wars.
- The Committee managed to collect 58 children with the full knowledge of the Rizeigat.
- 4. The Committee managed to collect 69 children using their efforts according to the special relations between them and their people/kin the Rizeigat; and all that was in the context of joint cooperation between the two parties. Accordingly we endorse all the cases of 227 in confirmation by us and for enriching our desire to realize the objectives mentioned in Firstly.

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