

The Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC)

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Preliminary Agreement

Dialogue between the Ngok Dinka community and the Misseriyya

We, the leadership in the civil administration of the Ngok Dinka and the Misseriyya, under the kind initiative of the the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC), held a meeting in the town of Abyei between 9-10/8/2012 to initiate a dialogue in the spirit of responsibility and commitment to create a new reality on the ground and to arrive at a bright future for the neighbouring people and communities on this land. The exchange over the crucial issue of peaceful coexistence in the Abyei region led to the following announcement of agreed principles:

First: Confirming the urgency of the dialogue and its continuation with mutual respect between the communities of Ngok Dinka and the Misseriyya despite current bitterness and past grievances, and to create a shared relationship as well as to return to a relationship of long-lasting tolerance.

Second: Acknowledging the existence of common injustice among the Ngok Dinka and Misseriyya communities and the urgency of joint action to eliminate such injustice.

Third: Confirming the suffering of the Ngok Dinka due to the disturbances and disruptions of security which affected the region.

Fourth: The importance to illuminate rules on the basis of this announcement and through joint reconciliation between the Ngok Dinka and Misseriyya communities, while also acknowledging the aspirations and hopes of the Ngok Dinka.

Fifth: Confirming the urgency to realize agreed-upon norms and practices of tolerance as well as the organisation of peaceful coexistence between the two communities.

Sixth: The parties seek to accelerate the preparatory dialogues towards convening a conference of reconciliation and collective peaceful coexistence, seeking a return to tribal relations in a prosperous era.

The signatories:

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