

Yambio peace agreement with SSNLM

AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT

IN THE GBUDUE AND MARIDI STATES (FORMER WESTERN EQUATORIA STATE)

BETWEEN THE

GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (RSS)

AND

THE SOUTH SUDAN NATIONAL LIBERATION

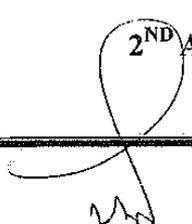
MOVEMENT/ARMY

(SSNLM/A)

IN THE GBUDUE AND MARIDI STATES (FORMER WESTERN EQUATORIA STATE)

YAMBIO

2ND APRIL ,2016



1. PREAMBLE

The government of the Republic of South Sudan and the South Sudan National Liberation movement met in Yambio the State capital of the former Western Equatoria State, between November 16th and January 12, 2016 under the auspices of the Faith Based Council for Peace (FBCP) on the Western Equatoria state peace dialogue chaired by Bishop Barani Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala:

DETERMINED to achieve and promote unity amongst the different ethnic communities in the state including the Azande, Avokaya, Baka, Balanda, Bongo, Jur Bel, Moru, Mundu, and other tribes residing in the State being multicultural, multi-lingual and multi-religious;

COMMITTED to the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities and to abandon the culture of revenge including inhuman acts like torture, rampant killing of the innocent and respect for human dignity;

MINDFUL of the fact that South Sudan is in need of a peaceful and durable solution to the issues that made the SSNLM/A resort to the option of violence;

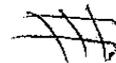
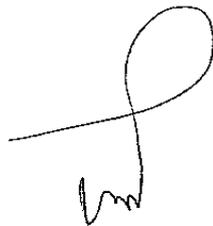
AWARE of the need to support the implementation of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan for a just and sustainable Peace throughout the country;

ACKNOWLEDGING the preliminary Peace Agreement and the need to promote inclusive and democratic society founded on the rule of law;

FURTHERMORE AWARE- of the need for harmony, stability, reconciliation and national healing;

CONSCIOUS of the need to end the suffering of the communities and the problem of displacement amongst the population; and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to abide by the terms of this Comprehensive Peace Deal (CPD) and respect its implementation to the letter and spirit:



2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

2.1. The Republic of South Sudan is governed on the basis of a decentralized democratic system and is an all-embracing homeland for her people;

2.2. In particular the Gbudue and Maridi states is equal homeland for the Azande, Avokaya, Baka, Balanda, Bongo, Jur, Muru, Mundu and other tribes respectively, it is therefore a multi-ethnic, multicultural, multilingual and multi-religious State where such diversities shall co-exist peacefully and shall not be interrupted by the administrative divisions of the area into the newly created states of Gbudue, Maridi.

2.3. A firm commitment to a lasting solution to the existing root causes of the conflict in the Gbudue and Maridi states for a sustainable peace founded on justice, equality, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

2.4. Reconciliation process in the Gbudue and Maridi States shall be inclusive and shall be held in a consultative manner involving the parties and others. The process shall be established by Legislation promulgated by the legislative assemblies of both Gbudue and Maridi States. Such legislation shall outline the mechanisms and methods of the reconciliation process.

2.5. In the implementation of this agreement, the parties shall promote positive communication to enhance confidence building.

3. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

3.1. Recommitment to the cessation of hostilities and permanent Ceasefire

The parties recommit themselves to fully respect and observe the cessation of hostility agreement signed between the parties on 2nd April 2016 and now further re-affirm their commitment to the general amnesty announced by the president on several occasions since 2014.

3.2. Integration of the SSNLM/A

3.2.1. General Principles

The parties agree that the forces of the former SSNLM/A shall be peacefully integrated into the ranks of the national army, South Sudan Police Service and other organized forces

3.2.2. The parties further agree that the number and the force ranks of the former SSNLM/A at all levels that will be integrated are subject, where necessary, to the general policy of the country's army structure and all other law enforcement organs.

3.2.3. The parties shall agree on cantonment/assembly area which shall be identified by the SSNLM/A within Gbudue State.

3.2.4. The government shall provide for the needs of the SSNLM/A in the cantonment after signing of the agreement

3.2.3. Establishment of a committee for peaceful Integration

To effect clause 3.2 above, the parties agree that:

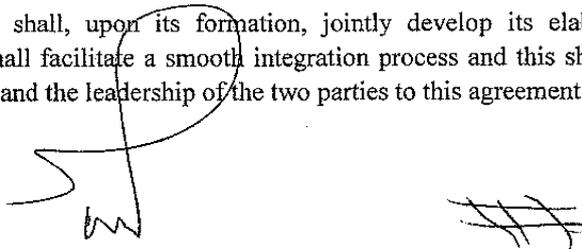
- I. Within sixty days (60) of signing of this Agreement, an Integration Committee consisting of eight members shall be established by the leaders of the two parties to this agreement; which shall be known as a Joint Military Technical Committee (JMTC) comprising equal number to integrate SSNLM/A forces into the national army, and other organized forces based on their qualifications and capabilities and the rules and regulations governing these institutions and in accordance with the Security Sector Reforms stipulated in the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan.
- II. The JMTC shall consist of members of the SSNLM/A, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior and the National Security Service. A nine member Peace Monitoring Committee (PMC) consisting of two representative from the Faith Based Council for Peace (FBCP), one each from SPLA, SSNLM/A, NSS, National Police Service, UNMISS, women group civil society and traditional leaders shall monitor and supervise the implementation of this Agreement including but not limited to the integration process and shall resolve any potential dispute that may arise or occur in relation to the implementation of this agreement.
- III. Should the PMC fail to resolve any dispute that may arise in the process of implementing this Agreement, then the faith based council shall provide necessary political guidance in resolving such matter.

3. 3. The Functions and terms of reference of the JMTC shall include:

3.3.1. The screening, training, integration, organization and deployment of the former SSNLM/A into the national army and organized forces shall be concluded within Gbudue State. Upon conclusion and completion of the agreed numbers including the ranks, this security arrangement shall be an integral part of this agreement.

3.3.2. The deployment of former SSNLM/A into the South Sudan Police Service and other organized forces shall be done in accordance with the internal regulations that govern these institutions mindful of the different ethnicity that constitute former Western Equatoria State.

3.3.3. The JMTC shall, upon its formation, jointly develop its elaborate terms of reference which shall facilitate a smooth integration process and this shall be done and shared with FBCP and the leadership of the two parties to this agreement.



3.3.4. The integration process of the former SSNLM/A into the national organs as specified in clause 3.3 above shall commence within twenty-one (21) days after the formation of the JMTC

4. 1. Special Considerations

After the screening exercise and identification of disabled and school age soldiers from the former SSNLM/A, they shall be entitled for the service suitable to a disabled, school age soldier and people with special needs from the relevant offices of the National army and the Government of Gbudue and Maridi States.

4.2. Special consideration for creating rehabilitation centers for taking care of conflict affected communities in Gbudue and Maridi states shall benefit from rehabilitation facilities to be established under agreement for the resolution of the conflict of south Sudan

4.3. The list of grievances and demands of SSNLM/A stated in November 16th 2015 Preliminary agreement have been acknowledged and will be dully and mutually addressed by the Government of South Sudan such as:

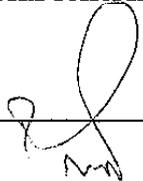
4.4. Members of the SSNLM/A who may not be integrated into the military and other organized forces may be absorbed into appropriate government institutions or trained and supported to pursue self-employment based on their qualifications.

5. COMING INTO FORCE

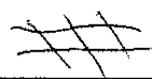
In witness of the above, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the South Sudan National Liberation Movement/Army have agreed and signed this agreement on the 2nd of April, 2016 AD, in Yambio, the former Western Equatoria. State Headquarters

Signatures of Parties, Chairperson of the Faith Base group, other Stakeholders, Civil Society Organization, and Witnesses to this Agreement.

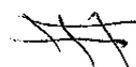
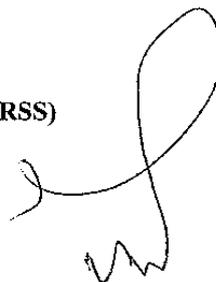
1. THE PARTIES



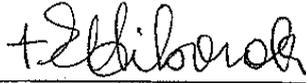
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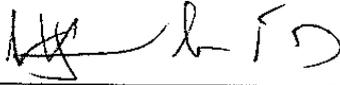


2. FOR THE FAITH BASED MEDIATION



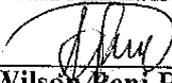
Barani Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala
Bishop and Chairperson of Faith Based Council

3. WITNESSES TO THIS AGREEMENT

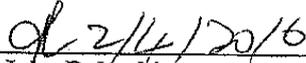


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4. STAKEHOLDERS:



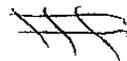
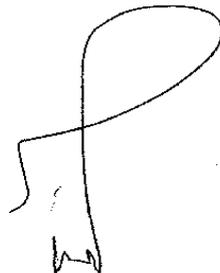
Chief Wilson Peni Rikito
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Representative of Traditional Authority



Simple John Bakeaki
Youth Representative
Civil Society Organization



Christine Joseph Ngbaazande
Representative of Women Group-WES



Annex 1: Timeframe

| NO | Reference | Activities | Responsible bodies | Time frame |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 | | Signing of peace agreement | Parties | |
| 02 | 3.2.I | Establishment of JMC | Parties | 60 Days |
| 03 | 3.2.II | Establishment of PMC | | |
| 04 | 3.3.4 | Process on development of ToR for JMC | | 21 Days |
| 05 | 3.3.3 | Sharing of ToR with parties and PMC | | |
| 06 | 3.3.4 | Beginning of integration process | | 21 Days |
| 07 | 3.2.3 | Establishment of cantonment | | 60 Days |

