

AGREEMENT ON A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH SUDAN**

AND

**THE SOUTH SUDAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT/
DEFENSE ARMY, COBRA FACTION**

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

30th January 2014

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PRELIMINARY

We the Representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the South Sudan Democratic Movement/Defense Army Cobra Faction met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia between January 23rd to 29th -2014, under the auspices of the Church Leaders Mediation Initiative (CLMI) on Jonglei peace dialogue chaired by Bishop Paride Taban ; note that they are:

Mindful of the fact that the country is in need of a peaceful and durable solution to the conflict that made the SSDM/ A, Cobra Faction resort to armed option;

Cognizant of the Unilateral Declaration of Ceasefire by the Sudan People's Liberation Army on January 6, 2014 and the same accepted by the SSDA, Cobra Faction as a way of creating a conducive environment for meaningful peace negotiations between the two Parties;

Aware of the current engagement in negotiations to find solutions to the conflicts taking place in Jonglei State in general, the conflict between the Parties in particular and the necessity to reach a comprehensive peace deal in the area;

Determined to see that the country and the region is peaceful and prosperous and that the communities do not plunge into conflict and war again;

Convinced of the urgent need for reconciliation in Jonglei State in particular and the country at large;

United to realize the vision of a stable region where communities live and coexist in peace and harmony and

Further cognizant of the need to create a conducive environment for the successful completion of the negotiations;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree to a Cessation of Hostilities as follows:

I. AFFIRMATION OF THE CEASEFIRE AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

- i. The Parties have reaffirmed their commitment to the Cease Fire Declaration unilaterally announced by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan on the 6th day of January 2014 and duly accepted by SSDM/A Cobra Faction on the 7th day of January 2014.
- ii. The Parties further agree to an immediate cessation of hostilities, firmly commit to non-aggression between them and refrain from any other action that may undermine the negotiations taking place in Addis Ababa.
- iii. As a gesture of good will and affirmation of this Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, the Government agree to investigate and to release as soon as possible any detainees alleged to be members of SSDM/A Cobra Faction who are still in custody of the Government.

II. NEUTRALITY

The SSDM/A Cobra Faction agree to remain neutral in the ongoing conflict between SPLA and the forces led by Dr. Riek Machar.

III. PEACE ZONE

- i. The Parties agree that the territories under the control of the SSDM/A Cobra Faction shall remain a Zone of Peace.
- ii. SPLA troop movement into areas controlled by SSDM/A Cobra Faction shall be notified in advance if such a movement is in the interest of the two parties.
- iii. During the period of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, the SPLA mobilization in the SSDM/A Cobra Faction areas of control shall be withheld until the final and comprehensive peace agreement is reached.

IV. HOSTILE PROPAGANDA

The Parties agree to refrain from all hostile propaganda aimed at each other. They agree that no communication regarding this Cessation of Hostilities Agreement shall be made to the public without mutual agreement and the agreement of the Mediation Team of this peace negotiation.

V. SUPERVISION/MONITORING/VERIFICATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

The Church Leaders Mediation Initiative (CLMI) shall be the overall body for monitoring, supervising and solving any potential conflict that may arise or occur in the implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.

Monitoring and Verification Team

1. The Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) shall be composed of:

- i. Church members chosen by the CLMI
- ii. UNMISS as per their mandate in South Sudan
- iii. The Joint Military Team

2. Composition of the Joint Military Team:

The Joint military team shall comprise of an equal number from the SPLA and SSDA, Cobra Faction whose nomination, orientation and deployment shall be done by the Leadership of the two Parties.

3. The Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) shall report to the Church Leaders Mediation Initiative. In case of a violation of the Agreement the CLMI shall seek an amicable solution. If the CLMI is unable to solve the matter, then the same is referred to the Leadership of the Two Parties.

Terms of Reference for MVT

The Terms of Reference for the Monitoring and Verification Team shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- i. Monitoring of the Implementation of this Agreement.
- ii. Investigating and verifying of any allegation of violation.
- iii. Providing early warning about matters that might undermine the implementation of this Agreement and take appropriate measures to diffuse them.
- iv. Reporting violations to the CLMI.
- v. Recommending amicable solutions to any disagreement arising out of the implementation and interpretation of this Agreement.
- vi. Undertaking any other function that may be appropriate for the maintenance of this Agreement.

VI. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The parties shall continue to keep humanitarian corridors open and support all humanitarian assistance to affected areas and communities in Jonglei State.

VII. AMENDMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall not be amended or modified unless by a mutual agreement of the two parties.

VIII. COMMENCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature by the two Parties.

In witness of the above, the representatives of the Government of South Sudan and the SSDM/A Cobra Faction have signed this agreement on 30th day of January 2014, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.


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Hon. Canon Clement Janda

Head of Delegation, Government of the
Republic of South Sudan


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Lt. Gen. Boutros Khalid

Head of Delegation, South Sudan
Democratic Movement/Defense Army
Cobra Faction

Witnessed by the Church Leaders Mediation Initiative (CLMI)


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Emeritus Bishop Paride Taban Kenyi, Chairperson, CLMI


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Bishop Paul P. Benjamin Yugusuk,
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Bishop Arkanjelo Wani Lemi,
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