

**MEKELLE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN THE NCP AND SPLM**  
**ON POST-REFERENDUM ISSUES AND ARRANGEMENTS**

The NCP and SPLM representing the parties to the CPA, and here-in-after referred to as the parties, met in **Mekelle**, Ethiopia from 21st - 22nd June, 2010 to explore the modalities for discussion of post-2011 referendum issues and arrangements on self-determination for the people of Southern Sudan in accordance with the provisions of section 67 of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act, 2009, and agreed as follows:

**1. STRUCTURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS**

- 1.1 The parties agree that the negotiation on post-2011 referendum issues and arrangements shall be conducted and led by NCP/SPLM Joint Negotiation Team composed of six members from each side.
- 1.2 The parties agree that the negotiations on post-2011 referendum issues and arrangements shall be facilitated by the AUHIP supported by IGAD, IGAD partner's forum and the UN. The parties shall determine the terms of reference for the facilitator.
- 1.3 The negotiations on post-2011 referendum issues and arrangements shall be supported by a full time Joint Technical Secretariat composed of six members that shall coordinate and liaise with the AEC Secretariat. The AEC shall provide administrative support to the Joint Technical Secretariat as per the terms of reference to be agreed by the two parties..

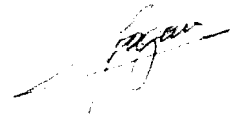
**2. CLUSTERS AND SEQUENCING OF ISSUES**

- 2.1 The parties agreed to cluster the post-2011 referendum Negotiations into four working groups to collectively address the issues listed in section 67 of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act, 2009 as follows:
  - a. Citizenship
  - b. Security
  - c. Financial, economic and natural resources
  - d. International Treaties and Legal Issues
- 2.2 All Working Groups shall be composed of 3-5 principal negotiators from each party including the two co-chairs and a deputy, and with each working group assisted by a number of technical experts as may be decided by each group.

**3. MEDIA**

Press statements and public briefings pertaining to the Negotiations shall be jointly made by both parties.

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**4. INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES AND SUDANESE CIVIL SOCIETY**

The parties shall discuss ways of involving civil society organizations and the Sudanese community at large, in the process.


**5. NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK AND LAUNCHING**

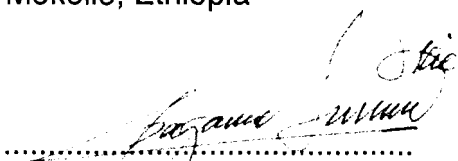
- 5.1 The Joint Negotiation Team shall meet to agree on the principles, guidelines and negotiation framework on 1st July 2010, in Khartoum
- 5.2 Issues not covered by the Working Groups will be discussed by the Joint Negotiation Team.
- 5.3 The negotiations shall thereafter be launched on 5th July 2010, in Khartoum.

**6- SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION**

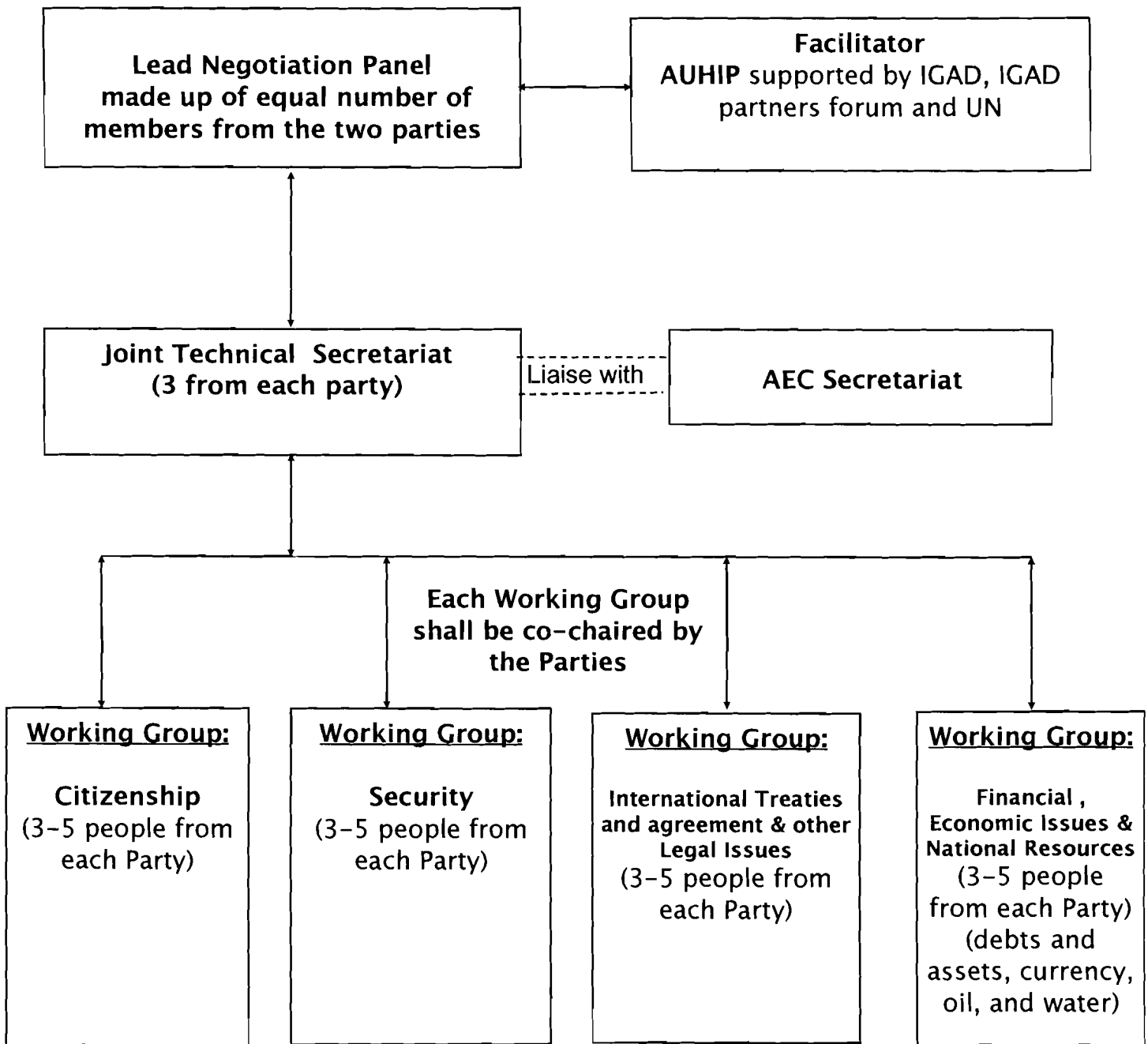
- 6.1 There shall be a joint exposure for the two delegations on the post-2011 referendum issues and arrangements on 6th July, 2010.
- 6.2 Substantive negotiations on the post-2011 referendum issues and arrangements shall commence immediately after the exposure session.
- 6.3 The working groups shall simultaneously conduct the negotiations on the issues within their group.

Signed this Twenty-Third Day of June, 2010, in Mekelle, Ethiopia

  
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## Post-Referendum Arrangements Negotiation Structure



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