



The Republic of South Sudan

South Sudan presents its proposed "Agreement on Friendly Relations & Cooperation between the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Sudan" (AFRC)

Press Release, Addis Ababa, 23 July 2012: Last evening the Republic of South Sudan tabled a peace agreement before the Government of the Republic of Sudan and the African Union High Level Implementation Panel with concrete proposals to comprehensively resolve all outstanding issues with the Sudan before the 2 August 2012 deadline, in accordance with African Union Peace & Security Council roadmap as endorsed by UNSC Resolution 2046.

South Sudan's proposed *Agreement on Friendly Relations & Cooperation (AFRC)* aims to achieve permanent and lasting peace, security and prosperity for both nations. The AFRC, if accepted by the Republic of Sudan, would not only rejuvenate Sudan's economy, but also end hostilities, resume bilateral trade (including oil production & export), and ensure a permanent peace between the South Sudan and Sudan. In the interest of peace, South Sudan has tabled an agreement that is very forward-leaning. For instance, despite its own serious development challenges, South Sudan has included in the AFRC generous financial transfers to Sudan, to ensure its economic viability.

The AFRC is a fair and balanced agreement where each nation's people will benefit. Attached is a one-page summary of the agreement. The full proposed Agreement on Friendly Relations & Cooperation can be downloaded from the official RSS website: <http://www.goss.org/>

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