

Guiding Principles
on Post 2011 Referendum Arrangements Negotiations
(20th July, 2010), Juba)

1. The parties express a strong belief that the talks on post 2011 Referendum Arrangements Negotiations shall be inspired and informed by a shared belief in a prosperous future of all Sudanese people, rather than burdened by a difficult past.
2. The parties recommit themselves to the holding of the referendum on self-determination of the people of Southern Sudan on the 9th of January 2011 and to respect the choice of the people.
3. The timely expected historic referendum on January 9, 2011 and the post-referendum negotiations provide an opportunity for the parties to lead the people of Sudan into a peaceful and prosperous era by working together and negotiating these arrangements in good faith to promote the common interests of the people of Sudan regardless of the outcome of the referendum.
4. The parties reiterate their firm commitment to the CPA, and agree to base all post-referendum arrangements solidly on its spirit.
5. It is in the CPA provisions that the parties agreed to make unity an attractive option for the people of Southern Sudan, based on the free will of its people, democratic governance, accountability, equality, respect, and justice for all citizens of the Sudan, and affirmed that the people of Southern Sudan have the right to self-determination to freely choose between unity or secession.
6. The parties believe that the decision of the people of Southern Sudan to freely choose either unity or secession, should not be interpreted in any way to hinder the continued efforts to foster positive relations between the people of the South and the North.
7. The parties affirm that regardless of the outcome of the referendum, maintaining a sustainable peace and cooperation between the people of the South and the North is a high priority and objective.
8. The parties believe that either decision of the people of Southern Sudan shall be an opportunity to enhance cooperation among the people of Sudan and the region and the international community.

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