

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUDAN**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN**  
**ON**  
**BORDER SECURITY AND THE JOINT POLITICAL AND**  
**SECURITY MECHANISM**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

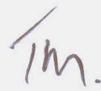

**29 June 2011**

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1. The Government of Sudan and Government of Southern Sudan, hereinafter the Parties, reaffirm the Security Cluster Agreement on the Joint Political and Security Mechanism (JPSM), signed on 7 December 2010 in Juba, and the "Kuriftu" Joint Position Paper signed on 30 May 2011 in Addis Ababa.
  
  2. The Parties shall establish a Safe Demilitarised Border Zone (SDBZ, formerly 'Common Border Zone'), where the forces of the two Parties shall be redeployed 10 kilometres outside from the north/south 1/1/1956 borderline, pending the resolution of the status of disputed



border areas and the final demarcation of the border. This shall take effect by D-Day + 10 days. The administrative common border line shall be used for those areas which are disputed. The Technical Boundary Demarcation Committee shall provide the required maps. The JPSM with other agreed associated security mechanisms shall be operationalised before 9 July 2011 until normal relationships prevail between the two sovereign States.

3. This agreement further provides for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), (Ethiopian troops) to provide force protection for the international border monitoring verification mission.
4. The Parties shall invite the AU and UN to provide external support for monitoring, verification in the SDBZ. The Parties and UNISFA shall constitute a joint committee to draft the mandate, renewable upon agreement of the Parties on a six-monthly basis, for the core mission of monitoring security in the SDBZ in order to avoid destabilizing situations through joint observation by unarmed observers from the Parties supported by UN observers. The intent is to:
  - Assist in building mutual trust, confidence and an environment which encourages long-term stability and economic development through verification, investigations, monitoring, arbitrations, training, liaison, coordination, reporting, information exchange, and joint patrols;
  - Create capacity for effective bilateral management mechanisms.
  - Assist, facilitate and help to protect the demarcation teams within the SDBZ as requested by the JPSM.
5. A joint committee of the Parties and UNISFA shall jointly assess the mission headquarters, numbers of teams in each sector and their



locations, and personnel that should be assigned to these tasks. This assessment will be submitted to the JPSM for approval. Following that, within an overall limit of 4,200<sup>1</sup> Ethiopian troops for UNISFA and this border mission combined, the Force Commander of UNISFA after consultation with the Parties, will assess the operational requirements of force protection and air and logistical support for the border mission, and inform the JPSM accordingly.

6. The Parties request the African Union and the United Nations to support this agreement and its implementation.

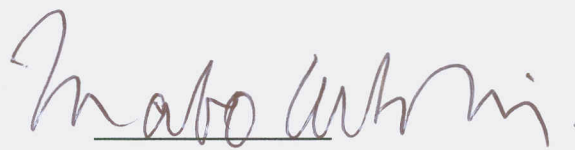
Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011 in Addis Ababa



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African Union High Level Implementation Panel

<sup>1</sup> Set by UNSC Resolution 1990.

