

African Union High Level Implementation Panel for Sudan

Communiqué

Meeting of the Minister of Defence, Government of Sudan, and Minister of SPLA Affairs, Government of Southern Sudan

Juba, 23 March 2011

The Minister of Defence, Government of Sudan, and Minister of SPLA Affairs, Government of Southern Sudan, meeting in Juba, endorsed the agreed upon items of the Security Cluster on post-referendum arrangements, namely:

- (i) Joint Position Paper on Security Arrangements (Secession Scenario), 7 December 2010;
- (ii) Police Issues and Arrangements (Secession Scenario), 7 December 2010;
- (iii) National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) Issues and Arrangements (Secession Scenario), 7 December 2010;
- (iv) Security Cluster Issues Requiring Political Guidance, 13 December 2010.

The Ministers further agreed to continue negotiations in order to reach a full and comprehensive agreement on security issues, addressing the following agenda:

- a. Name/definition of security zone along the border
- b. UNMIS mandate extension/third party support

- c. JIUs and SPLA forces in and from South Kordofan and Blue Nile
- d. Southerners associated with SAF

Recognizing that these are critically important issues, the Ministers agreed that there should be a special session of talks held over a number of days in the coming period, which will report back to them.

Signed,

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