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Country/ entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Grassroots Agreement to Promote National Dialogue in Yei River State and South Sudan
Date	30 Apr 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements

Parties	<p>Commissioners of Yei River State</p> <p>Hon. Denis LaSuba Paul, Yei River County [signed] Hon. Richard Remo Soro, Morobo County [signed] Hon. Natalino Lasuba, Commissioner, County [signed]</p> <p>SPLA – IO, YEI RIVER STATE</p> <p>Brig Gen. Hillary Edson T. Yakani SPLA – IO YRS [signed] Brig Gen. Yuma Sebastian, SPLA – IO YRS [signed] Col. John Data Taban, SPLA – IO YRS [signed]</p> <p>National Security Representative</p> <p>Major James Alor Majok [signed]</p> <p>Representative of the Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan in Uganda</p> <p>Emmanuel [illegible], 1st Secretary [signed] Philip Maluil Akol, 1st Technical Secretary [signed] Joseph Ochera, Technical Attaché' [signed]</p>
Third parties	<p>Church Mediation Team</p> <p>Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban, leader of the Mediation Team [signed] Rev. Anng race Asha Taban [signed] Rev. Michael Alias [signed] Elder Victor Lemeru [signed]</p> <p>Elders from Uganda</p> <p>Ambe George Wilson – Elder Koboko, Uganda [signed] Muzamil Amule, Elder Koboko Uganda [signed]</p> <p>Representative of Yei Community Forum for Dialogue and Peace</p> <p>Hon. Jacob Aligo Lo – Ladu, YCFDP Founder [signed]</p>
Description	-

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

The undersigned mediators of Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the County Commissioners of Yei River State who represented their respective Counties and the Government of Yei River State, SPLA - IO Yei River State, represented by senior officers of Division 2B Brigade 1 and 4 representing greater Morobo and Yei, elders from Koboko - Uganda, representative of Yei Community Forum for Dialogue and Peace (YCFDP), representatives from South Sudan embassy in Kampala as well as the national security director for Yei River State met in Kampala Uganda, from 25th April to 29th April 2017 at the invitation of Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

6. The warring parties thanked EPC Peace Desk and their partners and urged them to continue to play the mediation role of preaching peace to the nation.

- a) The EPC and Partners to monitor the implementation of the security arrangement
- b) EPC and the Partners should report any breach of the agreement and mediate any dispute
- c) EPC and the partners will maintain their mediation role during the process of implementation of the security arrangement
- d) EPC and the partners will facilitate and finalize the comprehensive agreement after approval of the document of demands presented to the presidency
- e) EPC and Partners should lobby for international support for smooth implementation of the agreement
- f) EPC and Partners will lobby for humanitarian services like trauma and healing counseling and other necessary trainings for the armed opposition forces
- g) EPC and partners to provide support of basic needs (food, shelter, medical and others)

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Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing

Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces
Page 14, Preamble
3. Adoption of the Presidential Order for the formation of a "Joint Military Committee", comprising 3-4 SPLA Officers from the Government side and equal number from the armed groups.

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5. Resolve to set timetable for the formation of Joint Military Committee to be effected by 30th May 2017.

Page 15, Article 1. Responsibilities of SPLM/A IO Yei River State
b) Organize and manage its forces pending future absorption into the national organized forces;
c) Manage its forces in all ranks and will have power to conduct screening and allocation during the process of integration into the organized forces

Power sharing→Military power sharing→Joint command structures
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement Page 15, Article 1. Responsibilities of SPLM/A IO Yei River State f) provide free movement of civilians Page 16, Article 2. Responsibilities of the Government g) Provide space for free movement of civilians between areas occupied by the government and opposition forces
Socio-economic rights	Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Adequate standard of living Page 15, Article 2. Responsibilities of Government b) Provide basic needs like food, shelter, medical care

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.

Mobility/ access	Page 16, Article 2. Responsibilities of Government j) allow full access of Humanitarian corridors
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians Page 15, Article 1. Responsibilities of SPLM/A IO Yei River State d) Provide protection to the civilians in areas under out control
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 14, Preamble

The warring parties discussed all grievances presented and considered all options and unanimously concluded that the warring parties agree to end the use of force as a means of settling differences and firmly promote the culture of dialogue and peace through commitment to the following:

1. Adoption of the Presidential approval and order for the grassroots effort to proceed with the Peace process based on the declaration of the National Dialogue.
2. Committed to the Presidential Amnesty to armed groups who have accepted dialogue; recognized the phase I grassroots agreement and the approved phase II to be rolled out.
3. Adoption of the Presidential Order for the formation of a "Joint Military Committee", comprising of 3 - 4 SPLA Officers from the Government side and equal number from the armed groups.
4. Agreed to open all roads leading to Yei Town and out of Yei Town to enable movement of people and their properties.
5. Resolve to set timetable for the formation of Joint Military Committee to be effected by 30th May 2017.
6. The warring parties thanked EPC Peace Desk and their partners and urged them to continue to play the mediation role of preaching peace to the nation.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces	<p>Page 14, Preamble</p> <p>3. Adoption of the Presidential Order for the formation of a "Joint Military Committee", comprising 3-4 SPLA Officers from the Government side and equal number from the armed groups. [See also military power-sharing]</p> <p>Page 15-16, Article 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To remove the Mathiang Anyor forces from Umbasi, Kergulu, Go'do, Morobo, Kaya and Yei Town and replace with other National Army b) Provide basic needs like food, shelter, medical care c) Provide a standby force for emergency response d) Maintain communication with the armed opposition forces e) provide incentives to the forces while in assembly areas f) coordinate its movement outside territories of their control with the opposition forces g) Provide space for free movement of civilians between areas occupied by the government and opposition forces h) Provide logistics and communication gadgets to the opposition forces i) Avail necessary resources for trainings of the opposition forces j) allow full access of Humanitarian corridors k) Respect the declared National Dialogue by the President
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 14, Preamble</p> <p>3. Adoption of the Presidential Order for the formation of a "Joint Military Committee", comprising 3-4 SPLA Officers from the Government side and equal number from the armed groups. [See also military power-sharing]</p> <p>Page 15, Article 1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPLM/AIO YEI RIVER STATE</p> <p>SPLM/A IO Yei River State commits to secession of hostilities and the declaration of National Dialogue by the President of the Republic of South Sudan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Stop its forces from engaging the Government in combat b) Organize and manage its forces pending future absorption into the national organized forces c) Manage its forces in all ranks and will have power to conduct screening and allocation during the process of integration into the organized forces d) Provide protection to the civilians in areas under our control e) Mobilize the civilians who have taken refuge in Uganda and Congo for their return to the country f) Provide free movement of civilians g) Determine 4 pre-assembly areas in addition to the approved assembly area of Kendilla h) Commits to exchange security details with the government
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper Page 14, Preamble 2. Committed to the Presidential Amnesty to armed groups who have accepted dialogue; recognized the phase I grassroots agreements and the approved phase II to be rolled out.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory	<p>Page 17</p> <p>Signatures of the Parties to the Grassroots Peace Agreement</p> <p>Church Mediation Team</p> <p>Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban, leader of the Mediation Team</p> <p>Rev. Anngrace Asha Taban</p> <p>Rev. Michael Alias</p> <p>Elder Victor Lemer</p>
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	<p>Page 16, Article 3. Responsibilities of Churches, Particularly EPC and Partners</p> <p>a) The EPC and Partners to monitor the implementation of the security arrangement</p> <p>b) EPC and Partners should report any breach of the agreement and mediate any dispute</p>
Related cases	No specific mention.
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