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Country/ entity	South Sudan Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Political Charter
Date	10 Apr 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Sudanese (North-South) peace process
Parties	For the Sudan Government: MAJ. GEN. AL ZUBEAR MOHAMMED SALIH, First Vice President of the Republic of Sudan; For SSIM/A: CDR/DR RIEK MACHAR TENY DHURGON, Chairman of NLC SSIM & C-in-C of SSIA; For SPLM/A (BGG): CDR/ KERBINO KUANYIN, Chairman of SPLM/ (BGG)
Third parties	-
Description	An agreement by the Parties in that the unity of Sudan would be preserved and that a referendum would be held by the people of the southern Sudan to determine their political aspirations after the full establishment of peace and stability. Agreement also provides that the Sudanese people should be encouraged to freely express their different values; that freedom of religion and belief should be observed; and that power and national wealth should be shared equitably for the benefit of the citizens. Agreed that citizenship would further the values of justice, equity, freedom and human rights, and that the Shar'ia and custom would be the sources of legislation. A co-ordination council was to be formed between Southern States to implement the Agreement and the parties agreed to work together for stability and improvement of living conditions in war-affected areas.

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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) Page 1, 2. The unity of the Sudan with its known boundaries shall be preserved, its entity shall be secured against all internal and external dangers. The parties shall endeavour to keep peace, justice and supremacy of values of right, goodness and virtue.

Page 1, 6. Sharia and custom shall be the sources of legislation. However, states may enact legislation complementary to the federal law in matters peculiar to those states.

Page 1, 10. Power and national wealth shall equitably be shared for the benefit of the citizens in the country. The details shall be worked out by the parties.

Page 1, 4. Recognizing the constitutional development, implementation of federal system and political practice based on the values of participatory democracy, the parties shall endeavour to boost the progress in these fields in the light of changing situations.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum Page 1, 3. After full establishment of peace, stability and a reasonable level of social development in the south, and at the end of the interim period, a referendum shall be conducted by the people of the southern Sudan to determine their political aspirations.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession/ No specific mention.

Accession/ unification/ No specific mention.

Border delimitation/ No specific mention.

Cross-border provision/ Page 2, 13. The Sudan shall interact with African and Arab Nations and world community on the basis of the effective Sudanese identity for the benefit of the country.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)/ Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
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Page 1, 11. A coordinating council shall be formed between the Southern States for better implementation of this Agreement.

Elections/ No specific mention.

Electoral commission/ No specific mention.

Political parties reform/ No specific mention.

Civil society 4. advocates constitutional reform 'based on the values of participatory democracy'

Traditional/
religious
leaders Page 1, 8. Freedom of religion and belief shall be observed and a suitable atmosphere shall be maintained for practising worship, dawa, proselytization and preaching. No citizen shall be coerced to embrace any faith or religion.

Public
administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
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Power sharing

Political
power
sharing No specific mention.

Territorial
power
sharing No specific mention.

Economic
power
sharing Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Sharing of resources
Page 1, 10. Power and national wealth shall equitably be shared for the benefit of the citizens in the country. The details shall be worked out by the parties.

Military
power
sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Page 1, 2. The unity of the Sudan with its known boundaries shall be preserved, its entity shall be secured against all internal and external dangers. The parties shall endeavour to keep peace, justice and supremacy of values of right, goodness and virtue.</p> <p>Page 1, 5. Citizenship shall be the basis of rights and duties in furtherance of the values of justice, equity, freedom and human rights.</p> <p>Page 2, 12. The parties shall work together for the stability and improvement of living conditions in the war affected areas according to the provisions of the subsequent Peace Agreement. They shall carry the duty of implementing the security arrangement, resettlement reconstruction, development and preservation of rights and duties.</p>
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality</p> <p>Page 1, 5. Citizenship shall be the basis of rights and duties in furtherance of the values of justice, equity, freedom and human rights.</p> <p>Page 1, 10. Power and national wealth shall equitably be shared for the benefit of the citizens in the country. The details shall be worked out by the parties.</p> <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion</p> <p>Page 1, 7. Cultural diversity in the Sudan is recognized; Sudanese people are encouraged to freely express its values.</p> <p>Page 1, 8. Freedom of religion and belief shall be observed and a suitable atmosphere shall be maintained for practising worship, dawa, proselytization and preaching. No citizen shall be coerced to embrace any faith or religion.</p>
Socio-economic rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Cultural life</p> <p>Page 1, 7. Cultural diversity in the Sudan is recognized; Sudanese people are encouraged to freely express its values.</p>

Rights related issues

Citizenship	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights Page 1, 5. Citizenship shall be the basis of rights and duties in furtherance of the values of justice, equity, freedom and human rights.
Democracy	Page 1, 4. Recognizing the constitutional development, implementation of federal system and political practice based on the values of participatory democracy, the parties shall endeavour to boost the progress in these fields in the light of changing situations.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/ access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
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	Page 1, 6. Sharia and custom shall be the sources of legislation. However, states may enact legislation complementary to the federal law in matters peculiar to those states.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, 3. After full establishment of peace, stability and a reasonable level of social development in the south, and at the end of the interim period, a referendum shall be conducted by the people of the southern Sudan to determine their political aspirations.

Page 1, 9. Social development is an extreme priority for the achievement of which the government shall plan for confidence building and expediting the process of alleviation of poverty, ignorance and illiteracy. The states shall also cater for provision of knowledge and satisfaction.

Page 2, 12. The parties shall work together for the stability and improvement of living conditions in the war affected areas according to the provisions of the subsequent Peace Agreement. They shall carry the duty of implementing the security arrangement, resettlement reconstruction, development and preservation of rights and duties.

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

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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 Page 2, 12. The parties shall work together for the stability and improvement of living conditions in the war affected areas according to the provisions of the subsequent Peace Agreement. They shall carry the duty of implementing the security arrangement, resettlement reconstruction, development and preservation of rights and duties.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed
forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 1, 11. A coordinating council shall be formed between the Southern States for better implementation of this Agreement.
Related cases	No specific mention.

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