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Country/ entity	South Sudan Sudan Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Terms of Reference for the Abyei Joint Committee
Date	8 Sep 2011
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei process
Parties	Signed by: Governor Omer Suleiman, Co-Chairman of the Government of Sudan; H.E. Deng Alor Kuol, for Co-Chairman of the Government of South Sudan
Third parties	Witnessed by: Mr. Boitshoko Mokgatlhe, African Union Facilitator to the AJOC; and Lt. Gen. Tadesse Tesfay, Force Commander, United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.
Description	An agreement that includes a Joint Press Statement that informs on the launch of the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC), as well as the Terms of Reference for AJOC that were agreed upon during the initial AJOC meeting. Annex One provides for the Terms of Reference for the AJOC Secretariat, Annex Two provides for the Terms of Reference for the AJOC Executive Officers, and maps indicating redeployment timelines and plans are attached. Additionally, a Record of Decisions from the initial AJOC meeting is appended at the end of the agreement.

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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 6, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee Terms of Reference
Standing Agenda for AJOC Monthly Meeting:
-Migration and IDPs.

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do the same; GoS Co-Chair agreed to accompany the UNISFA Force Cammder
to liaise with Misseriya currently outside the Abyei area.
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Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

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	Page 19, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) Meeting 8th September 2011 Addis Ababa Ethiopia Record of Decisions Agenda Item 6. Force Commander's Challenges/Priorities in Priority Order: 13. Border Demarcation map to be finalized to define inter - mission operational areas - Decision: The Members agreed that the existing border demarcation team would be reconstituted with force protection provided by UNISFA and would also work with the demining teams.
Cross- border provision	Page 19, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) Meeting 8th September 2011 Addis Ababa Ethiopia Record of Decisions Agenda Item 6. Force Commander's Challenges/Priorities in Priority Order: 10. Agreement on Weapon Policy for migrants and others within Abyei Area - Decision: It was agreed that the Kadugli agreement would remain as the weapons policy for the Abyei area; GoSS agreed to engage the neighboring southern states (Unity, Bahr el Ghazal, Waarap) to adopt a similar policy.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, Press Statement The member of the AJOC agreed, in their work, to keep in mind the interests of the local communities, especially as the planting and migration seasons are due to commence soon.

Traditional/ No specific mention.
religious
leaders

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7. Establishment of Civil Institutions - Decision: - Both parties agreed for
immediate establishment of the civil administration.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political
power
sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General
Sub-state level

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Page 5, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee Terms of Reference
Functions/Execution:

-The AJOC shall provide timely guidance and decisions to facilitate the timely and effective implementation of the various agreements as well as the establishment and sustainment of a stable and secure environment in Abyei.

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-Decisions made by the AJOC shall be made by consensus.

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-The AJOC may direct the Executive Council or any official or committee of the Abyei Area to provide it with a report on any matter within its powers. The AJOC may hold meetings with the Executive Council to discuss any matter within its mandate.

Page 17, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee

Instrument to Assign Security-related Functions to Abyei Executive Council

1. Pursuant to articles 6 and 14 of the Agreement on Temporary Arrangements for the Administration and Security of the Abyei Area, 20th June 2011 (the Principal Agreement), the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee ("the Committee") hereby assigns to the Abyei Executive Council ("the Executive Council") certain functions relating to the management of security and stability in the Abyei Area ("the Area").

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2. The Executive Council shall carry out the following functions on behalf of the Committee:

- (a) liaising with the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei and other agencies operating within the Area;
 - (b) assisting with the recruitment of the Abyei Police Service;
 - (c) making preparations for the establishment of the special migration unit of the Abyei Police Service;
 - (d) developing of proposals for the management of security and stability aspects of migration;
 - (e) monitoring of civilian aspects of security and stability within the Area;
 - (f) making general recommendations and proposals for promoting security and stability in the Area;
 - (g) developing a work-plan for the fulfilment of the functions set out in this paragraph;
 - (h) implementation of security-related decisions taken by the Committee;
- and,
- (i) ...

Territorial
power
sharing

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions
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-The Chairpersons shall be responsible for supervising compliance of the various administrative and operational structures, excluding UNISFA, as mandated in the agreements, serve as the final approval, on behalf of the two Presidents, for resolving disputes, making decisions and approving plans.

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Functions/Execution:

-The AJOC's meeting agenda will be prepared in draft by the AJOC secretariat for approval of the co-Chairs.

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Functions/Execution:

-The Presidents may jointly direct the AJOC to deal with any matter relating to Abyei, including in the case of a deadlock in the Executive Council.

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Functions/Execution:

-In the case of a deadlock within the AJOC, the AJOC co-Chairs may refer any question to the Presidents for their guidance. The opinions and recommendations of the non-voting member of the AJOC shall be forwarded along with the referral.

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Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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 19, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) Meeting 8th September 2011 Addis Ababa Ethiopia Record of Decisions
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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 No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 6, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee Terms of Reference
Standing Agenda for AJOC Monthly Meeting:

- Briefing from Force Commander on security of Abyei area.
- Report from Abyei Executive Council:
 - o Development/Finance:

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance

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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 Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights
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9. Agreement on temporary acquisition of land for establishment of company operating bases - Decision: It was agreed that the SOFA would cover high-level policy on land use by UNISFA, individual locations covered by a Land acquisition agreement would be negotiated with the Abyei Administration (when formed) until such time AJOC would make decisions, and agreed that UNISFA can occupy required locations.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights Page 17, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee
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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 10, Redeployment Plans for all Authorized Forces within Abyei
Timings of redeployment
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2. Timelines: 18-24 September - Partial Redeployment of SAF, SPLA
Redeployment completed
3. Timelines: 25-30 September - Complete Redeployment from Abyei Area of both SAF and SPLA

Page 11, Redeployment Plans for all Authorized Forces within Abyei
[Summary: Phase 1 (SAF) - map displays timings, redeployment line, tasks, and monitoring and verification duties by JMOTs]

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[Summary: Phase 3 (SAF) - map displays timings, redeployment line, tasks, and monitoring and verification duties by JMOTs]

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12. Release of 14 Civilians under custody of SAF in Abyei - Decision: Members agreed that the prisoners would be released at the beginning of the redeployment {11th September 2011}.

Police	<p>Page 17, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee</p> <p>2. The Executive Council shall carry out the following functions on behalf of the Committee: [...]</p> <p>(b) assisting with the recruitment of the Abyei Police Service;</p> <p>Page 19, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) Meeting 8th September 2011 Addis Ababa Ethiopia Record of Decisions</p> <p>Agenda Item 6. Force Commander's Challenges/Priorities in Priority Order:</p> <p>11. Immediate establishment of Abyei Police Services - Decision: AJOC would develop policy on the size, tasks and method of training for the Abyei police service which will operate under UNISFA.</p>
Armed forces	<p>No specific mention.</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 19, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) Meeting 8th September 2011 Addis Ababa Ethiopia Record of Decisions</p> <p>Agenda Item 6. Force Commander's Challenges/Priorities in Priority Order:</p> <p>8. Declaration of Mined Areas by both SAF and SPLA - Decision: It was agreed that SPLA and SAF Military Intelligence would meet under the supervision of with UNISFA to exchange maps and would engage UNMO on immediate plan for demining; It was agreed that the meeting would take place on 12th September 2011, with a view to conduction demining between 11-30th September 2011.</p>
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Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

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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	Page 19, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) Meeting 8th September 2011 Addis Ababa Ethiopia Record of Decisions Agenda Item 6. Force Commander's Challenges/Priorities in Priority Order: 12. Release of 14 Civilians under custody of SAF in Abyei - Decision: Members agreed that the prisoners would be released at the beginning of the redeployment {11th September 2011}.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	Page 6, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee Terms of Reference Standing Agenda for AJOC Monthly Meeting:. -Report from Abyei Executive Council: o Reconciliation:

Implementation

UN signatory	Witnessed by: Lt. Gen. Tadesse Tesfay, Force Commander, United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.
Other international signatory	Witnessed by: Mr. Boitshoko Mokgatlhe, African Union Facilitator to the AJOC; and Lt. Gen. Tadesse Tesfay, Force Commander, United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/
force/similar Page 17, Abyei Joint Oversight Committee
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1. Demilitarization - Decision: Redployment of Forces is to commence on the 11 of September 2011 and be complete by 30 September, beginning with redeployment from Abyei town (the agreed schedule of redeployment is enclosed).

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Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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