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Country/ entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Statement of participants from Yirol meeting on Wunlit 1999 peace conference after 22 years (Yirol Agreement)
Date	19 May 2021
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements

Parties	<p>The agreement lists the following signatories:</p> <p>Peter Nyuong Danhiar (Paramount Chief, Payinjiar County)</p> <p>Gum Mading Akuecbany (Paramount Chief, Wunlit County)</p> <p>Sawat Malual Arop (Paramount Chief, Aduol Kong County)</p> <p>Jacob Madhel Lang (Paramount Chief, Aweng Payam, Twic County and Chairperson COTAL Warrap State)</p> <p>Andrew Madot Buoi (Paramount Chief, Yirol East County, Nyang Payam)</p> <p>Joseph Kong Yoach (Paramount Chief, Guit County)</p> <p>Elizabeth David Dabuol Ngot (Women League Chairperson, Koch County)</p> <p>Isaac Magok Gatluak (Paramount Chief, Mayendit County)</p> <p>Stephen Kuong Mabil (Paramount Chief, Leer County)</p> <p>Madut Aguer Adel (Paramount Chief, Tonj East County)</p> <p>Reechdit Anyieth Reech (Paramount Chief, Yirol East County)</p> <p>Bahon Mabor Deng (Paramount Chief, Yirol West County)</p> <p>Thiik Riiny Giir (Paramount Chief, Gogrial East County)</p> <p>Marial Dhieu Malual (Paramount Chief, Yirol East County)</p> <p>Malok Wol Madhieu (Paramount Chief, Tonj East County)</p>
Third parties	Rift Valley Institute, Assistance Mission for Africa and the Swiss government.
Description	<p>A short agreement calling for further implementation of inter-communal reconciliation efforts involving county chiefs, women, youth and religious leaders through continued community dialogues in line with the aims of the Wunlit agreement of 1999. Substantively this agreement follows up on its partner agreement in Nyal and makes provision for return of IDPS, development and humanitarian supports to address flooding and calls for the enforcement by the office of the regional commissioner to address key issues for community peace. The provisions address community violence and hate speech acts and the prevalence of weapons within communities, calling for an overall solution to ongoing inter-communal violence in border areas between the states.</p>

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	The process is an inter-communal series of dialogues between county chiefs experienced in local negotiations and a revival of the community based Wunlit talks. The talks were structured through a series of discussions as part of a wider programme, beginning with Dinka chiefs visiting Nyal and being followed up with this set of discussions and a reciprocal visit by Nuer chiefs to Yirol for the second set of meetings. It is supported by Rift Valley Institute and Assistance Mission for Africa.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	Agreement explicitly references and reaffirms the community led Wunlit Peace Conference and aspires to return to parts of that seminal local process which was in part supported by senior southern political figures but does not have a direct link to national process or central government related process.
Name of Locale	Unity State, Lakes State and Warrap State
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	7.830000, 29.698400
Participant type	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Page 1, The agreement describes the gathering of representatives as being: 'brought together by the Rift Valley Institute and the Assistance Mission for Africa with support from the Swiss government.'

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture) Page 2, We appeal:
- To the Church to be actively involved and remain visible in the support of work of community peace and social cohesion;

Grievance List Page 1, We acknowledge and endorse and reiterate:
- All points made in the statement issued from the counterpart Nyal meeting 13-14 May 2021 and would want to add the following items;
- In particular, the absence of key chiefs missing from our meeting, notably from the Bul Nuer community, and the prevalence of guns in the hands of our young men; We recognise with concern:
- The ongoing clashes and acts of violence at the border areas between our communities;
- That the Commissioner of Payinjiar County has not yet taken up his position meaning that the Commissioners of the neighbouring counties do not have a counterpart in place with whom to resolve key issues;
- The serious flooding and subsequent challenges to livelihoods faced by the citizens of Payinjiar County.

Cattle rustling/banditry No specific mention.

Social cover Page 2, We appeal:
- To work amongst ourselves to identify and condemn the thieves, criminals and peace spoilers in our communities;
