

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMITMENT ON HUMANITARIAN MATTERS IN THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN AND THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY IN OPPOSITION SPLM/SPLA (IN OPPOSITION)

We, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the SPLM/A (in Opposition) (Hereinafter called the Parties), recommit to The Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoH) signed between the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (in Opposition) on 23 January 10`4, in its provisions on Humanitarian Access (Articles 4.1- 4.6).

In regard to the humanitarian matters, The Parties immediately recommit to:

1. Open humanitarian corridors (River Nile including the Sobat corridor, Roads, Raid and Air) within South Sudan and from the neighbouring countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda);
2. Facilitate humanitarian access and support all humanitarian assistance including the creation of conditions that enhance the urgent supply of aid to all displaced and needy populations in line with the IGAD Summit Decisions as found in the Communiqués of the 23rd, 24th and 25 Extraordinary Sessions of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government held on the 27 December 2013, 31 January 2013 and 13 March 2014, and the UNSC Resolution 2123 of 24th December 2123 December 2013;
3. Ensure the humanitarian coordination is inclusive of The Parties and mechanisms are put in place or otherwise strengthened, to facilitate humanitarian action in all areas;

4. Consider one month of tranquillity from 7 May to 7 June 2014 in order to preposition humanitarian supplies and enable the people of South Sudan to plant their food crops, care for their livestock, and move to areas of safety;
5. Take all possible measures to respect human rights and protect civilian population from indiscriminate attacks, rape or any other form of abuse.

In witness thereof, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties consent to the above, on this day 05 May 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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