

# **Declaration of cessation of hostilities and commitment to the peace process between the Government of Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement Sudan (JEM)**

*Doha, 22 October 2012*

The government of Sudan (GoS) and the justice and equality movement Sudan (JEM) (each, an "party" and collectively, the "parties") meeting in Doha Qatar under the auspices of the state of Qatar and the African Union-United Nations joint chief mediator an interim for Darfur as part of the continuing efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement of the conflict in Darfur on the basis of the Doha document for peace in Darfur (DDPD).

Appreciating the continuing role of the state of Qatar as the venue of the talks under the auspice of HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani Emir of State of Qatar.

Taking due cognizance of the letter and spirit of the Agreement of Goodwill and confidence building for the settlement of problem in Darfur of February 2009.

The framework agreement to resolve the conflict in Darfur between GoS and JEM of February 2010 and the outcome of the all Darfur stakeholder conference held in Doha from 27 to 31 may 2011.

In accordance with the United Nations principles and charter and the covenants of the African union and other regional organizations relating to settlement of disputes by peaceful means.

Welcoming the framework for African Union and United Nations facilitation of the Darfur peace process.

Reaffirming the unity sovereignty independence and territorial integrity of the Sudan.

Deeply concerned that the continuing fighting in Darfur will lead to further loss of live suffering and displacement of the population.

Conscious of the need to create the conditions conducive to allowing the voluntary informed safe, dignified and sustainable return of refugees and internally displaced persons or their local integration.

Conscious of the necessity to enable humanitarian agencies to access all areas affected by the conflict.

Recognizing the imperative need to achieve durable peace through a comprehensive settlement of conflict.

Responding to the calls by members of the international community including the demand by the United Nations Security Council that all Partners to the conflict including in particular all the non-signatory armed groups engage immediately and without pre-condition to make every effort to reach a permanent ceasefire and comprehensive peace settlement on the basis of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD) in order to bring stable and durable peace in the region.

Recognizing that security is at the forefront of concerns raised by a large spectrum of Darfurians including members of the civil society, internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees.

Acknowledging the mandate of the African Union United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) to monitor, observe the compliance with and verification of the implementation of all ceasefire agreements signed or to be signed in Darfur pursuant to the United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 3003 (2012) and previous resolutions and the Agreement between the United Nations, the African Union and the Government of Sudan concerning the Status of the UNAMID Forces (Status of Forces Agreement) dated 9 February 2008.

Desirous to bring to an end all acts of violence against civilians and violations of human rights and international humanitarian law.

Convinced that the Darfur conflict cannot be resolved militarily and that a durable settlement can only be obtained through an inclusive political process and negotiations.

Resolved to create and maintain a climate of peace necessary to facilitate dialogue and negotiations.

#### THE PARTIES THEREBY DECLARE TO

1- Immediately cease hostilities; and

2- Resume negotiations in order to achieve a comprehensive settlement of the conflict on the basis of the DDPD.

The PARTIES CALLED on all other non-signatory groups to jettison violence and join them in Doha in order to resume dialogue and negotiations.

Done in Doha on the 22nd day of October 2012 in Arabic and English languages, both texts equally authentic.

For the Government of Sudan: Dr. Amin Hassan Omer  
Minister of State in the Presidency

For the Justice and Equality Movement: Gen. Mohamed Bashir Ahmed  
President Interim Military Council

For the State of Qatar: H.E Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Mahmoud  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs

For AU/UN Mediation: Mr. Aichatou S. Mindaoudou  
Acting Joint Special Representative/  
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