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IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES
IN SUPPORT OF THE
AGREEMENT ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (GRSS) AND THE
SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT /ARMY (IN OPPOSITION)
(SPLM/A IO)

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan (hereinafter referred to as the "Government" abbreviated as "GRSS"), and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (in Opposition) (hereinafter referred to as (SPLM/A IO), separately referred to as a Party and jointly referred as "the Parties" agree to the Implementation Modalities to facilitate the implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.

RECOMMIT to the immediate and comprehensive implementation of all aspects of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement;

REAFFIRM their commitment to freedom of movement, safety and unhindered access for the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) and Monitoring and Verification Teams (MVTs) to all areas controlled by the Parties;

REAFFIRM their commitment to open humanitarian corridors and support all humanitarian assistance, including the creation of conditions that enhance the urgent supply of aid to displaced populations;

APPRECIATE the efforts of IGAD to develop and present technical recommendations to the Parties for their consideration and approval to enable the immediate and smooth implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Parties agree to the mission, concept of the operation, scheme of maneuver and composition of the JTC and the MVTs, in accordance with the briefing presented in Addis Ababa on 21st February 2014 (Annex).

The Parties agree to collaborate with the MVM to formally define the legal status of the MVM and the personnel assigned to it in their respective areas of control (Status of Mission Agreement or equivalent).

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- 3. The Parties agree that the initial six MVTs shall be deployed in the following locations and order: Bor, Malakal, Nasser, Bentiu, Akobo and Juba. The Akobo MVT shall initially be deployed to Bor until logistical conditions allow it to be moved to Akobo.
- 4. The Parties agree that the JTC may deploy additional MVTs into South Sudan with the approval of the IGAD Envoys.
- The Parties agree that the JTC may deploy any of the MVTs anywhere in South Sudan and may relocate MVTs and rotate the personnel of the MVM as required. The JTC shall keep the Parties informed of the deployment of the MVTs.
- The Parties agree that the MVM may have its own force protection and stabilisation unit, to be drawn from the IGAD Member States and other States to be determined by the IGAD Envoys, in consultation with the Parties.
- Each Party shall ensure the required freedom of movement and security of the members of the other Party when they are performing JTC or MVT related duties.
- 8. The Parties shall ensure the protection and security of all the local staff employed by the JTC and MVTs, both on and off duty and their families, in the areas under their control. The JTC will ensure the impartiality of the locally employed staff of the MVM.
- 9. The Parties shall appoint a full time representative to the JTC and to each MVT.
- 10. The Parties may observe the JTC and MVT planning and coordination activities. They have the right to observe the information gathering process and may provide information as required. The Parties may not participate in the JTC and MVT verification and reporting processes in support of alleged violations of the COH, unless the IGAD Envoys decide otherwise.
- 11. The Parties agree that the IGAD Special Envoys shall be the final decision making authority regarding the conduct of investigations and processing of reports in support of alleged violations of the COH.
- 12. The Parties shall be responsible for providing all required coordination with their own authorities and leaders in order to ensure complete freedom of movement, safety and unhindered access to all areas and information required by JTC and MVT operations.
- 13. The MVM shall take appropriate action to safeguard confidential information received from either Party.
- 14. The Parties agree to support and facilitate unhindered operation of humanitarian corridors into South Sudan from the North (Sudan), East (Ethiopia) and South (Kenya and Uganda)

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- 15. This Agreement shall enter into force 24 hours after the signature by the Parties.
- 16. The JTC and MVT may commence deployment and operation within 24 hours after signature of this agreement.
- 17. The Parties shall disseminate this agreement and the COH Agreement to all their respective political and military leadership, allies and other armed groups under their control.

In witness of the above, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Agreement on this day, 24th February 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

For the Government of the Republic of South Sudan

For the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in Opposition

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Brigadier General Gatkhor Gatluak

Witnessed by the Chairman of the IGAD

MVM

Major General (Reid) GebreEgziabher Mabrahtu