

Internal Cattle Migration Conference

Airport Hotel, Rumbek | Lakes State, South Sudan

17–20 November 2020

Preamble

We the local leaders, Paramount Chiefs, Executive Chiefs, Spiritual Leaders, Elders, Youth, Intellectuals, and Women of Agar community have suffered the consequences of prolonged inter- and intra- communal conflict.

We are aware of the destruction this conflict has inflicted on every aspect of our physical, social, and economic life and our mutual co-existence.

We regret the failure to avert the losses caused by this crisis in a timely manner.

We also appreciate the dedicated support provided by the Peacebuilding Opportunities Fund (POF) in partnership with UNMISS, which made this Internal Cattle Migration Conference possible.

Further, we appreciate the tireless effort of our state leadership, under Hon. Maj. Gen. Makur Kulang Liei, Governor of Lakes State, for ensuring relative peace and support to this conference till this day has been reached.

We recognise the United Kingdom Government for supporting the cattle camp research in the five sections of the Dinka Agar, the annual pre-migration dialogues, and this Internal Cattle Migration Conference.

We affirm our commitment to maintain this peace and restore lives, our norms and social fabric.

We assure ourselves, the Government and peace partners that we will continue to dialogue until a lasting and sustainable peace with all neighbouring communities is achieved.

We do, as a result of this, resolve today at this gathering, held at Airport Hotel Rumbek, Lakes State, to the following resolutions:

Resolutions of the Parties

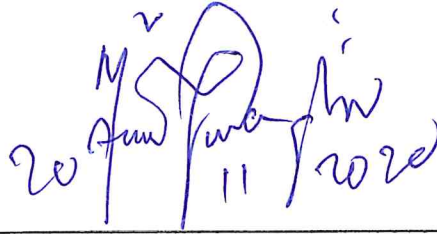
1. We, the leaders of Dinka Agar community, who have gathered here for the last four days, have agreed to wait until the formation of the Special Courts to hear all the pending cases and ensure that all victims are compensated accordingly. We ask the leadership of Lakes State to address this as a matter of priority.
2. We have also agreed for any cases of cattle balances to be heard once the Special Courts are formed. If anyone recognises their bull or cow in the toc, they should report this to the Monitoring Committee immediately. It is the Monitoring Committee who should decide the course of action.
3. The conference has resolved that the migration of cattle to toc will be regulated by the Government prior to the movement. We have also agreed for the Government to set a date for the migration, until which no cattle camp should move.
4. We have agreed that if any individual(s) initiate the movement of their cattle camp to the toc without Government approval, they will be fined and held accountable.
5. We have agreed to conduct traditional rituals that used to be performed at Luak (shrine) by all sections and ask Panyar, Joth, and Amoth-nhom to contribute cattle to Luak Ajok Gop, followed by all the other sections.
6. We have agreed for our Spiritual Leaders, led by Panyar, to conduct the necessary rituals that are supposed to be performed before migrating to toc.
7. We have agreed no one should migrate to toc with a gun and anyone found with a weapon in toc will be disarmed and fined by paying five cows. In return, we ask the government to deploy security forces in toc to take charge of our security.
8. We have agreed unanimously to condemn cattle theft and cattle exchange, and that anybody who will be killed during the process of stealing will not be revenged and those caught should be punished heavily by the law. If the thief kills someone (owner of the cattle) in the process of raiding, the victim(s) should be compensated by 51 cows, paid to the family of the deceased.

9. We have agreed that the apprehension of thieves or cattle rustlers and murderers will be coordinated by the Paramount Chiefs, Executive Chiefs and Gelweng leaders. These individuals will be brought to the Special Court to be constituted by the Chief Justice.
10. We have agreed that if any person steals a cow, he will be fined five cows, to be paid to the Government.
11. We have agreed to discourage and stop brewing of local alcohol in the villages and cattle camps. We understand the destruction this causes to our young people, and we commit to working with our women to find alternative means of supporting families.
12. We have agreed that if any person of any section breaches this agreement, the first action will be for their leaders, starting with the Paramount Chiefs, to be arrested immediately, and they will be answerable to the government.
13. We the Delegates, Chiefs, Gelweng, Akut de door, under POF and the Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee, immediately after this conference, shall go and disseminate peace messages and these resolutions.
14. We ask the management of POF to extend its peace and reconciliation programme across Lakes State because we (Dinka Agar) cannot be peaceful and yet our neighbours, Yirol and Gok are still fighting one another.
15. We have agreed to consult and seek permission from the authorities and traditional leaders of Belle and Mvolo before migrating to their land.
16. We have agreed for the Paramount Chiefs, Executive Chiefs and Gelweng leaders to meet and review the progress of the agreement every six weeks. We ask POF and UNMISS to help coordinate these meetings.
17. We have agreed to continue to dialogue and resolve the pending issues, annexed to this agreement, with the support of POF, UNMISS and other peace partners.
18. We have agreed to establish the Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee (ICMMC) of fifteen members to monitor, liaise and implement these resolutions. The Committee's composition shall be as follows:

Composition of Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee (ICMMC)

1. Minister of Local Government and Law Enforcement Agency.
2. Commissioner of Rumbek Centre County.
3. Commissioner of Rumbek East County.
4. Commissioner of Rumbek North County.
5. Commissioner of Wulu County.
6. Paramount Chief Rumbek Centre County.
7. Paramount Chief Rumbek East County.
8. Paramount Chief Rumbek North County.
9. Paramount Chief Wulu County.
10. Head of Organised Forces.
11. Head of SSPDF.
12. Head of National Security.
13. Gelweng Representative Rumbek East County.
14. Gelweng Representative Rumbek Centre County.
15. Gelweng Representative Rumbek North County.

Signatories

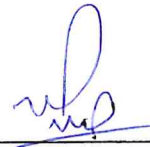


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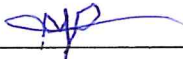
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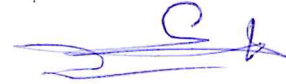
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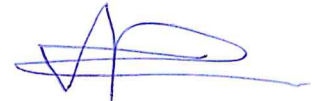
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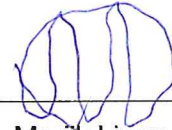
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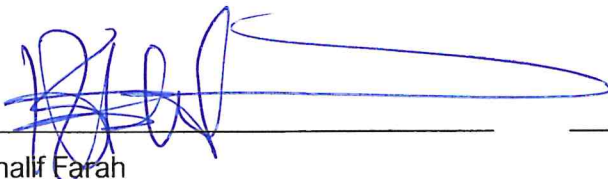
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Signed 20 November 2020 in Rumbek, South Sudan

Annex I – Outstanding internal, external and cross-border issues

Section	Internal issues	External issues	Cross border issues
Rup		<p>The conflict between Rup and Athoi of Cuei Cok Payam, Aliamtoc 1</p> <p>The conflict between Rup and Pakam</p> <p>The conflict between Rup and Kuei</p> <p>The conflict between Rup and Gok of Cieubet county</p> <p>The conflict between Rup, Panyar of Aliamtoc 2 and Ciec Manyiel of Yirol East county</p>	The conflict between Rup of Amongpiny and Payinjar of Unity State
Kuei		The conflict between Kuei and Rup	
Pakam	<p>The conflict between Gak and Manuer</p> <p>The conflict between Gak and Anin</p> <p>The conflict between Manuer and Akorkor</p> <p>The conflict between Pan-Awer and Padiang boor sub-clans</p> <p>The conflict between Manuer and Anin sub-clans</p>	The conflict between Pakam and Rup	<p>The conflict between Luacjang (Warrap State) and Pakam</p> <p>The conflict between Rek of Jalwau of Warrap and Pakam of Rumbek North county</p> <p>The conflict between Pakam of Rumbek North and Mayendit County of Unity State</p>
Aliamtoc 1	<p>The conflict between Gony and Thuyic</p> <p>The conflict between Kook Awac and Kook Pacuer</p>	The conflict between Kook-Awac of Aliamtoc 1 and Pan-Akorbil of Aliamtoc 2	
Aliamtoc 2		The conflict between Pan - Akorbil of Aliamtoc 2 and Kook Awac of Aliamtoc 1	

The conflict between
Athoi of Cuei cok Payam
of Aliamtoc 2 and Rup

The conflict between
Panyar of Aliamtoc 2 and
Rup and Ciec Manyiel of
Yirol East County.

The conflict between
Aliamtoc 2 and Apak of
Yirol

Annex II – Provisional Agreements from pre-dialogue process

Rup

1. We have agreed to initiate and conduct a dialogue to resolve outstanding issues between Rup of Malek and Pakam under the supervision of the Paramount Chiefs, Mabor Alir, Jooth Anyijoung and Machar Magot Kook to be held at Deng Nhial and Ater Malou.
2. For the Paramount Chiefs Sabit Kauc Manyiel, Mawaat Mangar and Jul Machok Lieny to initiate and lead a dialogue between Amoth-nhom of Jiir Payam and Athoi of Cueicok Payam of Rumbek East County.
3. We ask the Peacebuilding Opportunities Fund to work with the Paramount Chiefs of Rup, of Amongpiny and Payinjiar to revitalise the previous peace agreement between these two communities.
4. We the community of Rup here agree to migrate to toc through Ajany Jany and Wun Yar route and ask Deer Makuer Gol, John Marial Dongrin, Tuol Aperer Chut to coordinate this movement and to settle any outstanding issues with other sections.
5. We the community of Rup section have agreed not to migrate to toc until the State Government has officially announced the date and set the rules and regulations to govern the movement. This proclamation must be observed by all the gelweng and gol leaders of Rup section.
6. That we the community of Rup have agreed to disengage from all unhelpful allies and stop singing all provocative songs against other sections and continue to advocate for peaceful means to resolve any outstanding issues we may have with other sections.
7. We have agreed to seek peaceful means to address issues related to cattle raiding, cattle theft, cattle exchange, revenge killing, road ambushes, disputes over the grazing land through the State Government, Paramount Chiefs and Akut de door from Rup sections.

8. We have agreed to continue to cooperate with the Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee, tasked to oversee the disarmament process and hand over all the firearms that may be still in the community.

Kuei

1. We the community of Kuei have agreed to consult with our spiritual leader to decide the route we shall take when migrating to toc and we shall agree on the method of which to share the grazing land and water points during the coming dry season.
2. We have agreed to report individuals who are still engaging in cattle theft to the authorities immediately. These individuals are peace spoilers, and we shall not protect them. They will be handed over to the state law enforcers through our community leaders.
3. We have agreed that the State Government must regulate the movement of cattle to toc in consultation with our leaders, and no gelweng youth should migrate to both lower and upper toc with firearms.
4. We have agreed to stop all the hate speeches and those found continuing to broadcast it must be reported to the authorities immediately.
5. We have identified a hotspot (Marialbek), and we are asking the State Government to deploy forces there to help protect our cattle and other properties.
6. We the community of Kuei have agreed to welcome all other sections to share our grazing land, fishing ground and water points that are within our territories and boundaries. We only ask to be consulted first.
7. We condemn our gelweng youth who are still involved in cattle theft and cattle exchange with other sections and warn them to stop immediately. We will no longer protect them and will report those found to the authorities.
8. We have resolved to remove all unnecessary roadblocks towards toc and allow anyone travelling through our territory free access to fishing ground and grazing land.
9. We will continue to work closely with the Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee and collect any remaining firearms from our gelweng youth. We kindly request the government to conduct comprehensive disarmament with all our neighbours.
10. We plead with our brothers and sisters from Amoth-nhom and Panyon to honour the recent peace dialogue and implement it to the letter and spirit.

Pakam

1. All chiefs, Gelweng leaders and Intellectuals of Pakam community agreed to conduct peace conference during the dry season in Rumbek North county to discuss and resolve all outstanding internal issues.

2. The community of Pakam have agreed to voluntarily surrender all the culprits who have murdered daughters and sons of Pakam on the road ambushes and revenge night shooting, for accountability.
3. We the community of Pakam have agreed to form a Special Court to address all the outstanding cases related to murder and encourage those found guilty to pay the required blood compensation, followed by reconciliation process between the families.
4. All Pakam sections have agreed to move their cattle camps to Rualkau and Pak instead of migrating to toc to prevent the common conflict over the grazing land and water points.
5. We have agreed all peace spoilers must be brought to book and dealt with according to the law, and we ask the gelweng youth to be mandated to assist law enforcement agencies in enforcing law and order.
6. We ask the government to establish law and order, banning the brewing of alcohol and consumption in cattle camps, and any person found selling alcohol must be reported to the authorities.
7. We have agreed to conduct exchange visits by sending a delegation of 40 people from Pakam community including chiefs, gelweng leaders, intellectuals, and women representatives to Cueicok to engage and build confidence between Pakam and Rup Malek Payam.
8. We the community of Pakam are appealing to Lakes State Government, Community-Based Organisations and International Organisations to increase services delivery to Rumbek North because the whole county is in a dire need.
9. We have resolved for all internal peace dialogues between Pakam section and others to be led by Gak sub-clan since Gak forms the largest population in Rumbek North county.
10. We commit to peace and ask the government and peace partners to help revitalise the peace agreement that was signed between Manuer and Gak sub-sections of Pakam.

Aliamtoc 1

1. Both sections of Kook Awac and Kook Keer have agreed to maintain their previous peace agreement they signed last year in January 2019 and implement it in letter and spirit.
2. We encourage Rup section who are residing in Aliamtoc 1 to relocate to their homeland, and when they migrate to toc they should go via Cui-Aduakan. We ask the Chiefs and Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee to help oversee this process.
3. The Government must regulate the movement to toc, and no gelweng youth from Aliamtoc 1 should migrate to toc with firearms.
4. Disengagement of allies within Aliamtoc 1 section and routes of migration to toc be led by Panyar section at the side of Aliamtoc 1 community.

5. We the community of Aliamtoc 1 have agreed to allow the traditional ritual to be carried out first by the spiritual masters before moving to toc area and adhere to the government's rules and regulations that manage the movement to toc.
6. Cattle's exchange among Thuyic, Gony, and Dhiei sections must stop to allow free movement and confidence-building among the youth.
7. We the community of Aliamtoc 1 resolved to merge all the cattle camps of Pacuer, Kook Awac and Thuyic in Luak Morwel and Tiikegic or Pulkuc and continue to dialogue to build trust and confidence.
8. We have resolved to revitalise the peace agreement between Thuyic and Gony sections, and this must be conducted in the cattle camps such that all spoilers who have not attended this conference should hear.
9. We appeal to the Government to continue with the disarmament, and we shall continue to cooperate with the Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee to collect any firearms that may still be in the community. We also ask the State Government to deploy protection forces at the identified locations to make it easy to intervene should there be any conflict.
10. We resolved that Athoi and Rup sections must continue to dialogue and find a lasting solution to their conflict. We ask Dhiei and Panyon sub-clans to facilitate their reconciliatory process. We have also resolved for Panyon and Beer sub-sections to migrate to toc through Ajany Ajany and Wun Yar cattle camps.
11. We call for all gelweng leaders to merge their cattle camps and work closely with the Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee to continue and collect firearms and no one should migrate to toc with any gun.
12. We also resolved that the leaders of Kook community need to revitalise their peace agreement with Yek community, mostly pan -Akorbill sub-section. We ask Kook-Awac and Kook-Keer sub-sections to reconcile and help facilitate the coming together and reconciliation of Gony and Thuyic.
13. We have resolved that Thuyic moves to Aguk Kuel. Gony and Dhiei sub-sections to move to Akor and then all these sub-sections to finally move to Alau and Aguoc cattle camps to continue to strengthen their relationships.

Aliamtoc 2

1. We call for the establishment of organised forces at all Payams of Rumbek East county to help maintain security and ensure early intervention because all our youth have been disarmed.
2. We call for a peace dialogue to be initiated between Apuak, Ciec communities, and Aliamtoc 2 of greater Yek to strengthen and further build relationship among these communities.
3. We call for the Government to continue to disarm youth and also ensure the civil population of Aliamtoc 2 are protected; that way youth will be confident and not try to repurchase guns.
4. We call for a peace dialogue to be initiated between Pakam and Rup community of Malek Payam to pave the way for the resettlement of Rup community at their original homeland.

5. We the community of Aliamtoc 2 have resolved that Panyar sub-section convene a meeting on Thursday 5 November 2020 to reconcile their differences, unite and merge their cattle camps before the migration to toc starts.
6. We the community of Aliamtoc 2 (Yek community) have resolved to remain united and move together to Alau cattle camp. We also acknowledge and agree that Panyar sub-section must be responsible for leading the migration to toc once they have decided to merge all their cattle camps.
7. We the community of Yek have agreed first to move and settle at lower toc (Aguoc, Alau, Wun Yar and Luakcok) then finally move to upper toc (Marialbek, Ghan, Awai and Juu) and the process to be led by Panyar sub-section.
8. We have also resolved that Kook pan Awac and Kook pan Akorbil to meet and dialogue at Pan Awac Boma before the end of November. We also encourage children and women to attend this dialogue and listen to the process of peace and reconciliation. We expect this dialogue to take place before the end of November.
9. We have agreed to condemn and stop all provocative and incitement songs which are being produced by peace spoilers, and we encourage a peace dialogue between pan-Akorbil and kook Awac.
10. We ask for an immediate intervention by the government to separate the cattle camps of Athoi and Pan Akorbil and ask them to move North of Aduel. We also ask Kook Awac, Thuyic and Rup to remain on the other side of the riverbank. We have agreed this process would reduce the current tension between these communities.
11. We the community of Aliamtoc 2 have agreed to stop the collection of cows for blood compensation to allow the disarmament process to continue as this is the priority now.
12. We are appealing to the Lakes State Peaceful Disarmament Steering Committee to continue and carry out disarmaments across the Aliamtoc 2 community. We are also appealing to the government to ban brewing and consumption of local brew and ask youth to stop drinking.
13. We have agreed to address the issue of cattle balances at the conference in Rumbek with other sections or at least after the disarmament process has been concluded.
14. We ask all the peace partners to continue and engage gelweng youth through activities that promote peaceful coexistence among themselves.
15. We appeal to the state government and organisations to help stop the current outbreak of disease that is infecting all the cattle, including dogs.