

Agreement on a Declaration of Principles
To settle the Dispute in
Eastern Sudan

Preamble :-

We, the Government of Sudan and the Eastern Sudan Front hereinafter referred to as the parties, have met in the Eritrean capital, Asmara under the auspices of the Government of the State of Eritrea from June, 13 up to June, 19, 2006, on the basis of "the Agreement on Procedural Matters" signed in Asmara on May, 25, 2006;

Confirming our commitment to the unity, sovereignty, security and independence of the Sudan;

Convinced that Sudan shall develop, progress and flourish under peace with confirmed participation and equal development for its people throughout the country;

Determined to settled the root cause of the conflict in Eastern Sudan to secure settlement and security and to embark on a permanent peaceful settlement for the best interest of the people of the East and Sudan at large.

Committed to the credibility of the talks and the mediation and negotiating in all seriousness;

Taking in consideration all the consequences of the comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) signed on Jan, 9, 2005 and the Particularity of the problem of the Eastern Sudan.

We have agreed that the following principles shall constitute the basis for the permanent, peaceful and just solution of the conflict in Eastern Sudan :-

- 1.Unity in diversity, the protection of the rights and fundamental freedoms of the citizens, the decentralization of Government through a federal system and the fair distribution of the national resources are necessary basis for the unity and security of a just and flourishing Sudan.
- 2.The political, economical, social and cultural marginalization is the core of the problem of Eastern Sudan.
- 3.Effective participation and the representation at all the institutions of Government at the national level for all the people of Eastern Sudan.
- 4.The fair share of national resources with affirmative action in addition to the social, economic and cultural sustainable development are prerequisites for any permanent and just settlement.
- 5.The military arrangements shall be dealt with as part of a comprehensive agreement.
- 6.Priority shall be given to rehabilitation of the war affected areas and providing support for the refugees and the displaced to facilitate their expatriation and coming back home.
- 7.The two parties commit themselves to get the people of Eastern Sudan involved since the inception of the peace talks and hold a consultative meeting for the people of Eastern Sudan to secure their support and effective participation in the implementation of a comprehensive agreement.
- 8.The two parties undertake to promptly work on the ceazation of hostilities and freezing of the Military status quo during the negotiation process in accordance with "The Agreement to Create a Conducive Atmosphere for Peace." signed on 19, June, 2006.

9. All the agreements to be arrived at shall be embodied in the National Interim Constitution of the Sudan, 2005.

Asmara
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