

The Sudan Call Forces Position on Addis Ababa Preparatory Meeting

Expressing its deep gratitude to the Federal Republic of Germany and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs for its support to the people of Sudan and its efforts to reach a comprehensive peaceful settlement;

Furthermore appreciates the effort of the Berghof Foundation and the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik for facilitating this important initiative;

Reiterating its willingness to work with the Federal Republic of Germany to achieve a just peace and democracy in Sudan;

Mindful of the regional and international resolutions stating in clear terms that the Sudan government should end wars and violations of human rights and to democratize through a National Constitutional Process;

Recognizing the fact that the effort of the AUHIP and the German initiative to bring the National Dialogue back on track, it may be the last chance to guide the situation towards a comprehensive peaceful settlement and failing to convene the National Dialogue will lead to other scenarios, which are costly and that the Sudan Call forces are working tirelessly to avoid;

Resolving to continue working together to achieve inclusivity; and create a civil and democratic state based on the rule of law, equal citizenship and good governance, which provide security for all and fair opportunities for economic development and social justice.

Aware that the Sudan government has not been serious about the National Constitutional Dialogue and instead it indulges in one-party system elections, continuing the aerial bombardment against civilians, denying access for humanitarian assistance, detaining opposition leaders and activists, suppressing the media, and above all, minimizing chances for the National Constitutional Dialogue.

Meeting in Berlin from 24–27 February 2015 on the invitation of the German Government. the Sudan Call Forces state the Following:

- 1- Reiterate its strong support for the African Union Resolution No. 456 of 12 September 2014;
- 2- Express its readiness to meaningfully engage in the National Constitutional Dialogue preparatory meeting at the headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa, upon invitation from the AUHIP, to establish a credible, transparent, inclusive and comprehensive process and agree upon the requirements and the procedure to be implemented before convening the National Constitutional Dialogue;
- 3- Declares our strong belief that an inclusive and comprehensive Constitutional Dialogue and negotiations are the best means for a peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Sudan and achieving the Sudanese people's aspirations for a just peace, democracy and equal citizenship;
- 4- The Government of Sudan, in accordance with Article 15 of African Union Resolution No. 456 is to undertake confidence-building measures to create a conducive environment necessary for the success of the National Constitutional Dialogue that will include, but are not limited to:
 - Postpone all preparatory arrangements for the national elections, in particular the presidential election,
 - Release immediately all political detainees and persons detained or convicted as a result of the wars,
 - Exchange prisoners of wars,
 - Cease immediately the persecution and harassment of the political opponents,
 - Conduct a meaningful and transparent investigation into the events of Tabit and September 2013,
 - Stop all military aggression on civilian populations and military responses to peaceful political activities,
 - Provide necessary protections to civilian populations,
 - Respect the fundamental freedoms and the basic rights,

- Abrogate the laws that restrict the basic freedoms.
- Abolish the recent constitutional amendments.
- Agree on an interim arrangements, including a national transitional government.

5- Seek to create “an authentic, transparent, inclusive; free and fair” National Constitutional Dialogue process by ensuring that the preparatory meetings of the National Constitutional Dialogue prioritize discussions on:

- Addressing the humanitarian crises,
- Stopping the wars and resolving their root causes through the AUHIP formula of one peace process with two tracks as a matter of priority,
- Establishing procedures for the commencement of the National Constitutional Dialogue;

6-The Sudan Call Forces will submit a unified position throughout the National Constitutional Dialogue process;

7- Seek to ensure the inclusivity and participation of all stakeholders in the preparatory meetings of the National Constitutional Dialogue to support the objective of reaching a national consensus;

8- It would be difficult to envisage the participation of the Sudan Call Forces in the preparatory meeting without releasing its leaders who are currently detained by the Sudan government namely, Faruk Abu Issa, Dr. Amen Makki, and Farah Alagar.

9-The Sudan Revolutionary Front and the Umma National Party shall represent the Sudan Call Forces in the preparatory meeting to achieve the goals set by the Sudan Call leadership in its meeting convened in Berlin

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