

## **Abyei Area**

### **The Ngok Dinka People's General Conference**

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#### **Declaration of the Ngok Dinka Community of Abyei Area**

**To**

#### **Become Part of the Republic of South Sudan**

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We, the Ngok Dinka of Abyei, having passed through a long history of suffering and political marginalization since our wrongful annexation together with our Area to Kordofan in 1905 and while we;

1. Believe that the United Nations represents a vision for humanity where national and sovereign interests align with a higher respect for the fundamental rights of peoples;
2. Recognize that the world, despite wars and hardships endured by far too many of its nations and peoples, is nonetheless moving in the direction of both human rights and the rule of international law;
3. Consider that the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, 2005, will forever represent a triumph for the Government of Sudan (GOS) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), IGAD and Partners in upholding and strengthening the international rule of law;
4. Appreciate the fact that the CPA, 2005, provides for the right of self determination in form of referendum for the members of the nine Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms and other permanent residents in Abyei Area; while guaranteeing to the Misseriya nomads and other nomadic neighbouring tribes their traditional seasonal grazing rights and passage through Abyei Area;
5. Recognize the historic ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in July 2009 which redefined Abyei Area as the land of the nine Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms;
6. Recognize the efforts of African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) to put Sudan and South Sudan on the track of peace and stability by adopting a comprehensive roadmap in April, 2012 that was endorsed by the United Nations Security Council in form of its resolution 2046 in May, 2012;

7. Stand by the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) Proposal of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 on the final status of Abyei Area that has been accepted by the AUPSC in various meetings as a fair, equitable and workable African solution to the issue of Abyei;
8. Note the vain attempts in the various summits between President Salva Kiir and President Omer Bashir to resolve their differences on the AUHIP Proposal on the final status of Abyei;
9. Appreciate the continued commitment by the AUPSC to the AUHIP Proposal on Abyei and its repeated acceptance of that proposal despite the lack of agreement of the two countries on the same;
10. Applaud the AUHIP Report of 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 to the AUPSC and its observation that the people of Abyei are running out of patience in the face of delayed implementation of the final status of their area and its recommendation for the full implementation of its Proposal on Abyei in accordance with the proposed timetable there-in, unless the two countries present agreed amendments to the said Proposal;
11. Consider that the last summit meetings between President Salva Kiir and President Bashir in Khartoum on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 and in Juba on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 did not present any agreed amendments to the AUHIP Proposal on the final status of Abyei;
12. Condemn the persistent intransigence of the Government of Sudan and its continuous defiance of the AU, IGAD and UN organizations as manifested in its rejection of:
  - a. the Abyei Boundaries Commission (ABC) Report, July 2005 and instead invaded and destroyed Abyei in May 2008 ;
  - b. the international ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), July 2009, though it initially accepted it;
  - c. Abyei Area Referendum slated for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and instead once more invaded and destroyed Abyei, killing many and displacing majority of the Ngok Dinka people in May 2011;
  - d. the AUHIP 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 Proposal on the final status of Abyei Area, though accepted the AUPSC Roadmap of April, 2012 that mandated the AUHIP to propose the final and binding solutions to the post-secession issues including the final status of Abyei area;
  - e. sharing of the Abyei oil revenues as provided in the CPA, 2005, and in particular, denial of Abyei oil revenues to the Ngok Dinka since the

signing of the CPA, which could have been used to restore livelihoods, assist voluntary safe and dignified return of the displaced population and provide basic services in the area;

- f. Full withdrawal of the Sudan Armed Forces outside Abyei area as per June 2011 Agreement and the United Nations Security Council's Resolution No.1990 (2011); and
13. Finally, regrettably note the failure of the AUPSC to ensure the conduct of Abyei Referendum in October 2013 as provided for in the AUHIP Proposal on the final status of Abyei or even visit it as planned and seeing no light at the end of the tunnel.

**Do hereby**, in light of the above and after having conducted what we believe to ~~have been~~ a successful transparent and fair referendum in the Abyei Area during the period of 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013, and based on the final outcome of the said referendum, reaffirm and adopt the result of Abyei Area Community Referendum that confirmed that **99.99** percent of eligible voters favoured to be part of the Republic of South Sudan and declare our decision as the Ngok Dinka of Abyei with our area as defined by the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration, July 2009, to become part of the Republic of South Sudan with effect from this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013. We appeal to the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of Sudan, the African Union and the United Nations to recognize this popular decision of the Ngok Dinka of Abyei.

**Signed in Abyei Town by:**

- 1. Chief Nyuol Paguot Deng, **Bongo Chieftom**-----
- 2. Chief Kuol Alor Makuac, **Abior Chieftom**-----
- 3. Chief Ajak Malual Beliu, **Achueng Chieftom**-----
- 4. Chief Akonon Ajuong Deng, **Anyiel Chieftom**-----
- 5. Chief Arop Kuol Kwon, **Diil Chieftom**-----
- 6. Chief Bagat Makuac, **Manyuar Chieftom**-----
- 7. Chief Mijok Kuol Lual, **Mareng Chieftom**-----
- 8. Chief Belbel Chol Akuei, **Alei Chieftom**-----
- 9. Chief Chol Por Chol, **Achaak Chieftom**-----
- 10. Chief Bulabek Deng Kuol Arop, **the Paramount Chief**-----
- 11. Mrs Karima Anthony Madut, **Representative of Abyei Civil Society Organizations**-----

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**Mr. Deng Alor Kuol**  
Chairperson of Abyei Community Referendum High Committee