



## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE IGAD ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE SUDAN PEACE PROCESS NAIROBI, KENYA, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

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The IGAD Heads of State and Government held an Extra-Ordinary Summit meeting in Nairobi, Kenya on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010, under the Chairmanship of **H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi**, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly to consider the status of implementation of the Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The Assembly was attended by **H. E. Mwai Kibaki**, President of the Republic of Kenya; **H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; **H.E. Ismael Omar Guelleh**, President of the Republic of Djibouti; **H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit**, First Vice President of the Republic of the Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan and **H.E. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha**, Vice President of the Republic of the Sudan. **H. E. Omar A. Ali Sharmarke**, Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia;

The Assembly was preceded by the 35<sup>th</sup> Extra-Ordinary session of IGAD Council of Ministers held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010, in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Summit was briefed by **H.E. Mahboub M. Maalim**, Executive Secretary of IGAD, **H. E. Ramtane Lamamra**, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union (AU), and **H.E. Ahmed Ben Helli**, Deputy Secretary General of the League of Arab States.

After deliberating on the status of implementation of the CPA, the Assembly adopted and issued the following:

### **The Summit:**

**Having** listened to the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) as well as the statements made by various delegations,

**Having** taken note of the report of the IGAD Ministerial Mission to Khartoum and Juba, presented by Hon. Moses M. Wetang'ula, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on

the Implementation of the CPA,

**Recalling** the previous decisions of IGAD on the peace process in the Sudan;

**Observed the following:**

**Acknowledges** the progress made by the Parties in the implementation of the CPA and the resolution of the impasse on national census;

**Emphasizes** the centrality of IGAD's role in the full implementation of the CPA;

**The signing** of the framework agreement between the Government of the Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, in Doha, Qatar as well as the signing of the electoral Code of Conduct and of a Declaration on Common Commitments in Juba by the Sudanese Political Parties under the auspices of the AU High Level Implementation Panel.

**Decides to:**

1. **Urge** the Parties to the CPA to remain committed to the implementation of outstanding issues in the Agreement, in particular, completion of the North-South and Abyei border demarcations, redeployment of forces, integration of the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs), establishment of the Southern Sudan and Abyei Referenda Commissions and Popular Consultations in South Kordofan and Blue Nile States;

2. **Urge** the Government of the Sudan and the Parties to ensure the removal of all obstacles to a free and fair election;

3. **Direct** the IGAD Council of Ministers to liaise with the two Parties to give technical support in the remaining areas of border demarcation and establishment of the referenda commissions by May 2010;

4. **Call upon** the two parties to develop a working formula that would ensure collaboration for the effective implementation of the CPA;

5. **Welcome** the Parties commitment to immediately commence the negotiations on post referendum arrangements and confirm the continuing availability of IGAD to support the process;

6. **Direct** the IGAD Council of Ministers to immediately undertake shuttle diplomacy to nurture mutual trust and confidence building between the two Parties to the CPA;

7. **Direct** the IGAD Secretariat to immediately open a Liaison Office in Juba to follow up the implementation of the CPA;

8. **Direct** the IGAD Secretariat to operationalise the invitation to observe the April 2010 general elections in the Sudan and requests the observer team to take their posts by end of March 2010;

9. **Appreciate** the support of the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF), regional and international organizations and **Direct** the IGAD Secretariat to convene in collaboration with the Parties and IPF an international Donors Conference on the required support for pre and post referendum period;

10. **Remain** seized of the implementation of the CPA.

**Done in Nairobi, Kenya  
On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**