

## SPLM POLITICAL LEADERS (FPD)

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### **SPLM LEADERS (FPD) LAUNCH POLICY DOCUMENT ON CRISIS OF GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH SUDAN**

As the IGAD- led Peace process on the crisis in South Sudan resumes in its 5<sup>th</sup> Session, We the SPLM Leaders (FPD) are pleased to launch our vision and programme for the resolution of the crisis of governance in our country. This policy document addresses itself to the war, its causes and the institutional reforms considered necessary for the country to move towards peace and national reconciliation within the time lines given by IGAD. This blueprint document comprises twelve programme areas that tackle different issues of our national development.

These policy areas address the war and its causes, democratic governance, reforms in the economy, security sector transformation, the justice sector, civil service reforms , the Nile waters, Social policy, fighting corruption, development of infrastructure, land and natural resources, the process for a new Constitution, foreign policy and more importantly, the establishment of a Transitional Government of National Unity (TGONU) that will prepare and lead the country into a new era of peace, stability, democracy, justice, the rule of law and constitutionalism.

Initially we had meant to launch this policy document on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July which in our national Calendar marks the Martyrs' Day, but this was not possible due to the fact that some of our colleagues had by then travelled outside the country of our residence on important missions. Today as pressure for peace intensifies on all the South Sudanese leaders to bring the war to a speedy end, we feel time is now opportune to launch through the electronic media this document that

contains our vision and contribution on some of the most pertinent issues for democratic reform of the system of governance in our country. However, while presenting this policy document, we do not claim to have provided all solutions to the problems we have addressed ourselves to in this document and the press conference of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in Juba. We have only given our humble contribution to the ongoing debate over the agenda of reforms that our country badly needs.

As we send out this document to all those who may have time to read it, our hope is that it will help in providing answers to some of the questions that have often been asked about us as the “Group of 11” as we have been popularly known since the time we were detained in Juba on December 16, 2013. Our unshakeable commitment is to peace for our people and country. The war must stop immediately so that our people are saved from their present misery and suffering that has moved the conscience of many peace loving people of the world.

Finally, we shall be ready and happy to clarify any queries and questions that this document might generate.

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