



PEACE, PROSPERITY AND
REGIONAL INTEGRATION

COMMUNIQUE OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE IGAD PLUS ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

The IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government consulted with their colleagues representing the five regions of Africa referred to as the **IGAD Plus** on 16th July 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda and deliberated on the prevailing situation in South Sudan.

The meeting was carried out under the Chairmanship of **H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and current Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly, and attended by **H.E. Ismaïl Omar Guelleh**, President of the Republic of Djibouti; **H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta**, President of the Republic of Kenya; **H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H.E. Omar Hassan al-Bashir**, President of the Republic of Sudan; **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; and **H.E. Nhial Deng Nhial**, Senior Presidential Advisor representing the President of the Republic of South Sudan.

Also in attendance in the meeting were **H.E. Idriss Deby**, President of the Republic of Chad and the Chairperson of the African Union; **H.E. Prof Yomi Osinbajo Gcon**, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; **H.E. Paul Kagame**, President of the Republic of Rwanda; **H.E. Jacob Zuma**, President of the Republic of South Africa; **H.E. Ramtane Lamamra**, Senior Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; **H.E. Ban Ki Moon**, United Nations Secretary General; **Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission; **H.E. Alpha Oumar Konaré**, African Union High Representative for South Sudan; **H.E. Festus Mogae**, Chairman of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC); and **Amb (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim**, IGAD Executive Secretary.

The Heads of State and Government of the **IGAD Plus**:

1. **Takes note** of the communiqué of the 56th Extra-Ordinary Session of the IGAD Council of Ministers issued in Nairobi on 11th July 2016;
 2. **Further takes note** of the report and recommendations made by the Chairperson of JMEC;
 3. **Takes note** also of the briefing and recommendations by the AU High Representative for South Sudan to strengthen the collaborative
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arrangements envisaged in the creation of the IGAD Plus;

4. **Condemns** in strongest terms the fighting that broke out in Juba on 7th July 2016 between the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement and Army In Government (SPLM/A-IG) and SPLM/A In Opposition (SPLM/A-IO), and the huge loss of lives and casualties caused, as well as the displacement of the civilian population and destruction of property;
5. **Condemns** also the targeting of the diplomatic personnel, UN compound and protection of civilian sites that resulted in the deaths of peacekeepers, as well as the looting of the UN humanitarian stores by armed groups;
6. **Acknowledges** the ceasefire declared by the leaders of SPLM/A-IG and SPLM/A-IO as a step in the right direction and urges for its full and unconditional implementation;
7. **Calls** for immediate investigation of the recent violence in Juba and elsewhere in South Sudan with a view to ensuring accountability of those responsible for the breakdown of law and order;
8. **Supports** the recommendations by the United Nations Secretary General to re-enforce the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS);
9. **Calls upon** the UN Security Council to extend the mission of UNMISS with a revised mandate to *inter alia* serve as a protection force to separate the warring parties, protect major installations and the civilian population, as well as pacification of Juba;
10. **Further calls upon** the parties to honor their commitment that they have entered into when signing the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCSS) and urges them to fully implement the Agreement as it is the only framework for durable peace, reconciliation and national cohesion;
11. **Urges** the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) to establish without further delay the security architecture envisaged in the ARCSS and provide unhindered access to the Monitoring and Verification Teams (MVTs) under Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangement Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM);
12. **Appeals** to the international community and humanitarian agencies to come to the rescue of affected populations in South Sudan by strengthening their presence and mobilizing requisite resources and in this connection, **demand**s the parties to guarantee safe humanitarian corridors for passage of displaced communities and delivery of humanitarian supplies;
13. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

16th July 2016, Kigali, Rwanda