

South Sudan Opposition Movements

“SSNDA, R-SPLM, SSUF/A”

Declaration of Principles

“Launching the New Vision of Hope and Transformation in South Sudan”

We, Representatives of the South Sudan National Democratic Alliance (SSNDA), the Real Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (R-SPLM), and South Sudan United Front/Army (SSUF/A), hereinafter referred to as the “united South Sudan Opposition Movements”.

Cognizant of the fact that the unity of the people of South Sudan is of paramount importance to bringing a new vision and hope for our country;

Further cognizant of the need to unify and to consolidate the South Sudan Opposition Movements to work collectively to resolve the grave political, social and economic crisis facing our country;

Striving to alleviate the suffering of our people through the establishment of a peaceful and stable democratic state that is based on the rule of law;

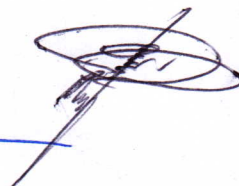
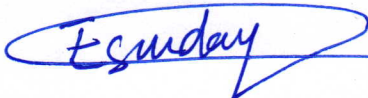
Concerned by the continued human suffering and destitution in the Republic of South Sudan due to the avoidable man-made, devastating civil war;

Fully aware of the dire need for sustainable human security and a just peace in South Sudan;

Believing that the crisis in South Sudan is political in nature; thus, requires a political solution, and that no military solution can achieve a lasting peace, stability and establishment of a new dawn of democratic dispensation;

Mindful that the interests of the people of South Sudan shall be above all personal, ethnic and political ambitions;

Committed to transforming South Sudan into a new republic that is anchored in strong and viable institutions.

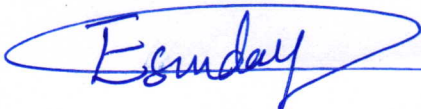


Therefore, we the representatives of the South Sudan Opposition Movements, hereby agree on the following Declaration of Principles (DoPs) that constitute the basis for our unity, cooperation and working together in resolving the national crisis in South Sudan. In this regard shall establish:

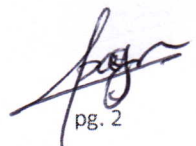
- a) A secure, peaceful, democratic and prosperous South Sudan, that is a homeland for all;
- b) A united country that embraces and celebrates its diversity, and is responsive to the needs of all of its citizens;
- c) A unified national and patriotic front of South Sudan Opposition Movements, which is a prerequisite to ending the war by achieving a just peace, and creating meaningful social change and economic transformation;
- d) The spirit of mutual understanding and respect, integrity, and strong collaboration as a hallmark of working relationships amongst all our stakeholders;
- e) That any resolution of the conflict in the Republic of South Sudan will require collective efforts, and must ensure the full and inclusive participation of all stakeholders;
- f) Adherence to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other Nation States, in accordance with international norms and practices;
- g) A comprehensive foreign policy that will advance South Sudan's national interests, including the strengthening of bilateral and multi-lateral relations with our immediate neighbours, Africa and the World.

We, therefore, commit to work together and to abide by the following principles and objectives:

- i. End the South Sudan civil war by addressing the root causes of the conflict; and seeking a permanent solution to the insecurity and humanitarian disaster.
- ii. Free South Sudan from the grip of ethnic chauvinism, nepotism, despotic oppression and institutionalized corruption.
- iii. Develop a common unified position to address the conflict in South Sudan.
- iv. Establish a strong democratic federal system of governance based on the devolution of powers and resources to the lower levels of government.
- v. Return the country to the Ten (10) States during the upcoming transitional period, as per the interim constitution of the Republic of South Sudan (2011)



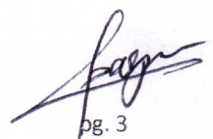
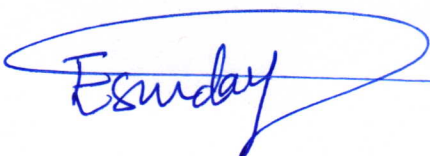
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and the ARCSS (2015); including the two (2) Administrative Areas of Abyei and Pibor.

- vi. Convene a national constitutional conference to address key national issues, including justice and accountability.
- vii. Work towards drafting and promulgating the permanent constitution of South Sudan through people's participation; including the holding of a referendum.
- viii. Empower the people to participate in democratic decision-making processes, to ensure transparency, accountability and legitimacy in the governance of South Sudan.
- ix. Empower South Sudanese women and girl-children; and institute effective policies to ensure their participation in all forms of decision making, to end all forms of discrimination and oppressive practices, especially sex and gender-based violence.
- x. Create socio-economic empowerment to youth and people with special needs.
- xi. Ensure transparent and accountable management of all public resources, to guarantee full economic benefits for all of the citizens of South Sudan.
- xii. Nurture democratic transformation and genuine state building processes, to establish the rule of law and justice.
- xiii. Develop an independent judicial system to serve as a safeguard for the protection of a permanent constitution, human rights and the rule of law.
- xiv. End the endemic corruption in South Sudan by enacting legislation that empowers the Anti-Corruption Commission with full prosecuting powers, and independence from the influence of the three branches of government.
- xv. Establish a new professional national security sector that reflects the diversity of South Sudan in its character and composition; and which is subordinate to civilian authority and the national constitution.
- xvi. Ensure the establishment of the African Union Hybrid Court to achieve accountability and justice for the victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed in South Sudan.
- xvii. Endeavour to mend the fragmented social fabric, as a priority, through inter-communal initiatives for national reconciliation and healing in the quest for effective nation building.
- xviii. Ensure the voluntary, safe and dignified return and resettlement of the displaced persons and refugees to their homes.

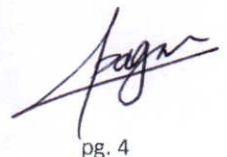


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- xix. Ensure the provision of free basic public services at the point of delivery; especially healthcare and Primary and Secondary education for all of South Sudan's citizens.
- xx. Establish and enact media laws that create a conducive environment for unfettered independent media, which is free from government control, and upholds full access of information to the public.

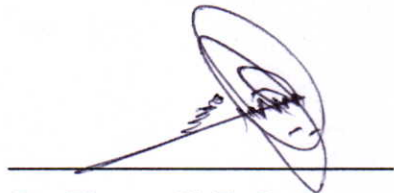






Done on this Day of August 30th, 2019

The Hague, The Netherlands.



Gen. Thomas Cirillo Swaka

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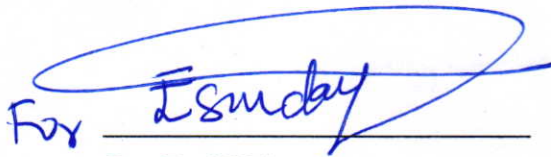
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