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**AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE
CONFLICT IN JONGLEI STATE**

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
SUDAN**

AND

**THE SOUTH SUDAN DEMOCRATIC
MOVEMENT/SOUTH SUDAN DEFENCE ARMY
(SSDM/SSDA-COBRA FACTION)**

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the South Sudan Democratic Movement/Defense Army Cobra Faction met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia between March 17 to 29, 2014 under the auspices of the Church Leadership Mediation Initiative (CLMI) on Jonglei peace dialogue chaired by Bishop Paride Taban:

DETERMINED to achieve peace and promote unity amongst the different ethnic communities in the region including the Dinka, Nuer, Murle, Anyuak, Kechipo and Jie being multicultural, multi-lingual and multi-religious;

COMMITTED to abandon the culture of revenge including inhuman activities such as child abduction, murder, rape and torture;

MINDFUL of the fact that the country is in need of a peaceful and durable solution to the conflict that made the SSDM/A, Cobra Faction resort to armed option;

AWARE of the current engagement in negotiations to find solutions to the conflicts taking place in the Country generally in order to reach a comprehensive peace deal;

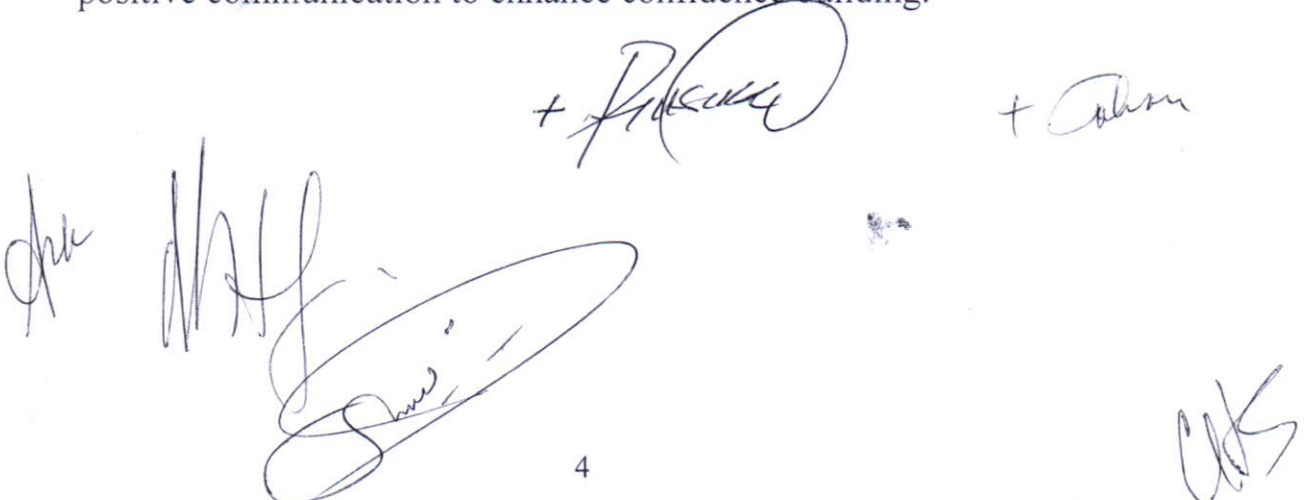
CONSCIOUS of the need to end the problem of internal displacement amongst the population; and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and respect its implementation to the letter and spirit:

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The Republic of South Sudan is governed on the basis of a decentralized democratic system and is an all-embracing homeland for its people generally;
- 2.2 In particular, the Jonglei state is an equal homeland for the Anyuak, the Dinka, the Jie, the Kechipo, the Murle and the Nuer respectively. It is therefore a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-religious state where such diversities shall co-exist.
- 2.3 Administrative setup in the current Pibor County in Jonglei state shall be re-examined with view to restructuring its current administrative units for effective service delivery to its people and this shall be done in wider consultations with the ethnic groups that inhabit and constitute the County.
- 2.4 The proposed state creation by the SSDM/A Cobra faction in the lands of Greater Pibor shall be done within constitutional framework including the ongoing constitution making process in the Republic. This is to observe the Transitional Constitution of 2011 that derives its authority from the will of the people of South Sudan. In their effort to study and consider the said state creation proposal, the parties shall follow and adhere to the procedural mechanisms provided in the Constitution.
- 2.5 A firm commitment to lasting solutions to the existing root causes of the Jonglei conflict for a sustainable peace founded on justice, equality, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- 2.6 Reconciliation process in Jonglei state shall be inclusive, and accountability modalities shall be devised in a consultative manner.
- 2.7 In the implementation of this agreement, the parties shall promote positive communication to enhance confidence building.

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