

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 9TH ABYEI JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (AJOC)

29 – 30 March 2015, ADDIS ABABA

Radisson Blu Hotel

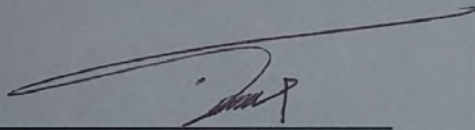
1. The Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) held its 9th meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 29 to 30 March 2015. The meeting was to be chaired by Co-Chair Hassan Ali Nimir of the Republic of Sudan. However, he agreed to cede the chairmanship of the meeting to Co-Chair Deng Mading Mijak of the Republic of South Sudan.
2. The meeting welcomed the new Co-Chairs, Hassan Ali Nimir and Deng Mading Mijak, as well as the new UNISFA Head of Mission Mr. Haile Tilahun Gebremariam and new Force Commander Lt. Gen. Birhanu J. Gelalcha. It also thanked the AJOC Facilitator, Mr. Boitshoko Mokgatlhe and the Co-Chairs for convening the meeting.
3. The meeting expressed appreciation to UNISFA Force Commander, and the UN Coordination Support Office for the updates regarding the security, and humanitarian and development situations in the Abyei Area. It also commended the work done by UNISFA in providing security under challenging conditions.
4. The meeting also noted the destabilizing activities of armed groups in the Abyei Area, and underscored the need for AJOC and the Abyei communities to support UNISFA in addressing these threats. In view of the humanitarian needs in the Abyei Area, the meeting suggested that the humanitarian agencies in cooperation with the two Governments exert more efforts toward a holistic approach to meet the needs of the people.
5. The meeting welcomed the spirit of friendship and cooperation displayed by the two Co-Chairs, and expressed confidence in the ultimate achievement of AJOC's mandate towards ensuring peace and stability in the Abyei Area.

After extensive discussions, the meeting reached the following resolutions:

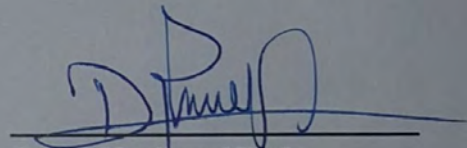
- i. **Convene a traditional leaders meeting/dialogue:** In the light of the urgent need to involve the Ngok Dinka and Messiriya communities in addressing their common concerns, AJOC will
 - a. Commence preparations towards the speedy convening of a **meeting/dialogue** within the last week of April 2015, in Addis Ababa under the facilitation of AJOC, the AU and the UN; and

- b. The two AJOC sides shall coordinate with their respective community leaders to ensure a successful meeting.
- ii. **Support for humanitarian/development assistance:** The meeting agreed to support a sustained humanitarian and recovery/development programmes in the Abyei Area, and ensure full access of aid workers by the two Governments within the rules and procedure prevailing in the two States.
- iii. **Security:** The meeting also:
- a. **Condemned** all incidents of attacks in the Abyei Area, inter alia, the recent attacks on Marial Achak, and Diffra [Kech] oil fields.
- b. **Reiterated** the need that Abyei Area be a weapons-free zone.
- iv. AJOC **agreed** to convene its next meeting after the traditional leaders dialogue.

Signed in Addis Ababa, 30 March 2015



Hassan Ali Nimir
Co-Chair, Republic Sudan



Deng Mading Mijak
Co-Chair, Republic South Sudan