

*In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful*

Presidential Palace

**Presidential Decree No. (299), for the year 2005,  
On the Formation of the National Mine Action Authority (NMAA)**

**President of the Republic:**

Acting upon the Article 58 (1) of the Interim Constitution for the year 2005, and Chapter VI (8.6.6) of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and after issuing decree on the ratification of the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction by the Sudan, Presidential Order No (34) of the year 2005, this decree with following text is issued:

**Name of the Decree and Its Entry into Force**

1. This decree is named “Presidential Decree no (299) for the year 2005 on the formation of the National Mine Action Authority” and it enters into force from the date it has been signed.

**Definitions**

2. Unless otherwise specified, the terms and phrases used in this decree will have the following meaning:

“Authority”	Means National Mine Action Authority
“Committee”	Means National Mine Action Committee, formed under article (4)
“General Secretariat”	Means General Secretariat formed under article (4)
“General Secretary”	Means the person designated under article (7) 1
“Humanitarian General Commissioner”	Means the person designated under the Voluntary Law, year 2005
“National Mine Action Centre”	Means National Mine Action Centre referred to in

	the Presidential Order no 34, year 2005 and referred to in article 3.3
“Regional Mine Action Centre- Southern Sudan”	Means the Centre referred to in article 3.4
“Designated Minister”	Means the Minister for Humanitarian Affairs

### Structure of the Authority

3. The NMAA is structured as follows:

- 1) National Mine Action Committee (NMAC)
- 2) General Secretariat for the NMAA
- 3) National Mine Action Centre (Based in Khartoum)
- 4) Southern Sudan Regional Mine Action Centre (Based in Juba- Southern Sudan)

### Structure of the National Mine Action Committee (NMAC)

4. The NMAC is structured as follows:

- 1) Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Co-chair
- 2) Minister of Defence Co-chair
- 3) Ministry of Local Government Member
- 4) Minister of Information and Communication Member
- 5) Minister of Health Member
- 6) Minister of Education Member
- 7) Minister of Social Affairs and women and children care Member
- 8) State Minister of Foreign Affairs Member
- 9) State Minister of Interior Member
- 10) Director of National Security and Intelligence Bureau Member
- 11) State Minister for International Cooperation Member
- 12) State Minister of Finance and National Economy Member
- 13) Two member from the GOSS Member
- 14) Representative of the SPLM Member
- 15) State Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Peace Advisory (Member and Secretary General of the NMAC)

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## Responsibilities of the NMAC

5. The NMAC will have the following responsibilities:

- 1) Approval/endorsement of mine action strategies and plans at the national level.
- 2) Follow up on the implementation of the obligations of the Government of the Sudan under the Ottawa and other relevant treaties on mine action, ratified by the government
- 3) Responsible for all components of mine action including mine action training policy, mines survey, mine clearance, mine risk education, victim assistance, and stockpile destruction)
- 4) Approval of the structures/Systems related to National Mine Action Committee, National Center, Regional Mine Action Center (South) and the mine action sub offices.
- 5) Supervision of the activities of the National Mine Action Centers to implement the Strategy and policies formulated by the Nation Mine Action Committee.
- 6) Approval of the plans presented by the National Mine Action Center in connection with planning and management and implementation of the mine clearance operations safely, effectively and efficiently.
- 7) Approval of the budget of the national mine action center in preparation for the approval of the ministry of finance.
- 8) Preparation of the policies on the utilization of the financial resources allocated for mine action the Sudan
- 9) Approval/endorsement of the work-plans, programmes and projects of the relevant NN agencies and the international NGOs and the national NGOs active in mine action.
- 10) Issuance of regulations to organize the activities and schedule the meetings

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## **Authorities of the NMAC**

6. The NMAC will have the following authorities:

- 1) Review any necessary documents related to mine action or any other document.
- 2) Seek assistance from concerned individuals, agencies and organizations
- 3) Putting necessary measures in place to support it in performing its duties.

## **General Secretariat**

7. In order to assist the Secretary General in performing his duties, the Executive General Secretariat will have the following members:

- 1) General Secretary
- 2) General Commissioner (Humanitarian Aid Commission)
- 3) Director of the National Mine Action Centre
- 4) Director of the Regional Mine Action Centre in Southern Sudan

## **Responsibilities of the General Secretary**

8. The Secretary General will have the following responsibilities:

- 1) Supervision of the inter-ministerial coordination and cooperation in the mine action field
- 2) To initiate mine action plans and projects and present them for the approval of the NMAC
- 3) Supervision of the coordination process with relevant international parties for endorsement of the NMAC
- 4) Coordination with relevant UN agencies
- 5) Preparations for the meetings of the NMAA, and follow up and implementation of its decisions, and preparation of necessary reports on the activities of the NMAC

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- 6) Follow up on the implementation of the financial obligations of the government contribution for mine action activities
- 7) Preparation of the annual budget for NMAA
- 8) Supervision of the activities of the National Mine Action Center

### **Responsibilities of the National Mine Action Center (NMAC)**

9. The NMAC will have the following responsibilities:

- 1) Ensures effective coordination of the mine action activities in the country
- 2) Implements policies and strategies approved by the NMAC
- 3) Develops and follow up implementation of the national mine action standards in accordance with IMAS with aim to regulate mine action activities in the country
- 4) Identifies mine action responsibilities and activities in accordance with national mine action priorities contained in the national mine action plans
- 5) Coordinates, supervises and implements mine action activities in collaboration with relevant international parties as the national counter part.

### **Responsibilities of the Regional Mine Action Center (RMAC)-Southern Sudan**

10. The Southern Sudan Mine Action Centre will have the same responsibilities mentioned in article (9) of this decree in Southern Regional of Sudan under the supervision of the National Mine Action Centre in accordance with plans approved by the National High Committee and within the framework of the authority delegated to it by the National High Committee.

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## Reports

11. The NMAC shall prepare and submit reports its activities to the Presidential Office and the Council of Ministers on regular bases.

## Financial Sources for the NMAA

12. The NMAA will have the following financial sources:

- 1) Resources allocated by the government
- 2) Contributions provided by donor countries and other donations and contributions
- 3) Any other financial sources approved by the NMAC.

## Location of the Head Office of the NMAA and its Sub Offices

13. The head office of the NMAA will be located in Khartoum Governorate and it is allowed to establish sub office in any state of the Sudan

## Execution

14. The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Defence and other designated parties have to take necessary measures for the implementation of this decree.

Issued under my signature on Twenty Third day of the month of Zi-Qaida, year 1426 Hijri matching with Twenty Fourth of the month December, year 2005

Field Marshal:  
Omer Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir  
President of the Republic

**Sign and stamp**

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