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UNMIS WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) welcomes the agreement concluded on January 17 in Kadugli, Southern Kordofan State, between the delegations from Government of Sudan (GoS) and Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), led by Ministers of Interior Ibrahim Mohamed Hamid (GoS) and Gier Chuang Aluong (GoSS).

The key measures of this agreement include, among others, the provision of security for Abyei by deploying more Joint Integrated Units, ensuring the freedom of migration for Misseriya nomads to Aybei and southwards; and providing security for the movement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) returning home.

The agreement builds upon and widens the accord between the Misseriya and the Dinka Ngok reached last week in Abyei.

UNMIS commends the two parties for their continuous efforts to resolve their differences through peaceful and constructive dialogue, and encourages all concerned to implement the security arrangements agreed upon in Kadugli without further delay. UNMIS stands ready to provide all the necessary support.

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