



Abyei Protocol

FACT SHEET

Following are excerpts from Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement of the "Protocol between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement Army on the Resolution of the Abyei Conflict".

Principles of Agreement on Abyei

In General

- Abyei is a bridge between the north and the south, linking the people of Sudan;
- The territory is defined as the area of the nine Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms transferred to Kordofan in 1905;
- The Misseriya and other nomadic peoples retain their traditional rights to graze cattle and move across the territory of Abyei.
- (42%); Bahr el Ghazal region Two percent (2%); Western Kordofan Two percent (2%); locally with the Ngok Dinka Two percent (2%); and locally with the Misseriya people Two percent (2%);
- The National Government will provide Abyei with assistance to improve the lives of the peoples of Abyei, including urbanization and development projects;
- International monitors will be deployed to Abyei to ensure full implementation of these agreements.

Interim Period

Upon signing the peace agreement, Abyei will be accorded special administrative status, in which:

- Residents of Abyei will be citizens of both Western Kordofan and Bahr el Ghazal, with representation in the legislatures of both states;
- Abyei will be administered by a local Executive Council, elected by the residents of Abyei. Pending the election of the Executive Council, its initial members will be appointed by the Presidency;
- Net oil revenues from Abyei will be divided six ways during the Interim Period: the National Government Fifty percent (50%); the Government of Southern Sudan Forty-Two percent

End of Interim Period

Simultaneously with the referendum for Southern Sudan, the residents of Abyei will cast a separate ballot. The proposition voted on in the separate ballot will present the residents of Abyei with the following choices, irrespective of the results of the southern referendum:

- That Abyei retain its special administrative status in the north;
- That Abyei be part of Bahr el Ghazal;
- The January 1, 1956 line between north and south will be inviolate, except as agreed above.

Administrative Structure

- Upon signing the Peace Agreement, Abyei Area shall be accorded special administrative status under the institution of the Presidency;
- Abyei Area shall be administered by a local Executive Council, elected by the residents of Abyei. Pending the election of the Executive Council, its initial members shall be appointed by the Presidency;
- The administration of the Abyei Area shall be representative and inclusive of all the residents of the area;
- The Executive Council shall be composed of the Chief Administrator, his/her Deputy and not more than five heads of departments. Prior to elections, the Chief Administrator and his/her Deputy shall be appointed by the Presidency. The Chief Administrator shall make recommendations to the Presidency regarding the appointments of the heads of departments.

Determination of Geographic Boundaries

- There shall be established by the Presidency Abyei Boundaries Commission (ABC) to define and demarcate the area of the nine Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms transferred to Kordofan in 1905, referred to herein as Abyei Area;
- The composition and timeframe of the Abyei Boundaries Commission (ABC) shall present its final report to the Presidency as soon as it is ready. Upon presentation of the final report, the Presidency shall take necessary action to put the special administrative status of Abyei Area into immediate effect.

Security Arrangements

- There shall be established Abyei Area Security Committee, chaired by the Chief Administrator, and shall comprise of the Deputy Chief Administrator, the Army Commander, the Police Chief, and the representative of the Security Organ;
- Without prejudice to the Agreement on Security Arrangements, the two Parties shall, through the Interim Period form and deploy one joint battalion in the Area;
- International monitors, as shall be agreed in the comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement shall also be deployed in the Area through the Interim Period;
- International monitors shall be deployed to Abyei to ensure full implementation of these Agreements.

The full protocol is available at www.unmis.org

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