

**UNMIS Press Release No. 1/08****On the Third Anniversary the of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, UNMIS Hails Achievements Made and Calls for Doubled Efforts to Tackle Remaining Challenges**

Khartoum, Juba- 9 January 2008: The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) congratulates the Government of National Unity and the people of the Sudan on the occasion of the third anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

UNMIS commends the Parties to the CPA for the important achievements made so far, and for the constructive spirit they had shown in addressing key pending issues and strengthening their partnership.

UNMIS strongly encourages the parties to work in partnership and mutual trust to meet their remaining commitments under the CPA. The redeployment of forces must be concluded in accordance with the relevant provisions of the CPA. The issue of Abyei must be resolved, and the demarcation of the North-South boundary must begin in earnest. The population census must be conducted soonest and the electoral legislation must be adopted to ensure that the elections are held on time next year. More needs to be done to ensure that the people of Sudan receive the tangible dividends of peace and development.

UNMIS stands ready to continue assisting the Parties to the CPA and the people of Sudan in fulfilling these commitments and achieving full, effective, and timely implementation of all aspects of the CPA.

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