AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN,

THE SUDAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT,

AND

THE JUSTICE AND EQUALITY MOVEMENT

N'DJAMENA, 25 April 2004

Under the auspices of H.E.M. Idriss DEBY, President of the Republic of Chad, assisted by the African Union Commission and the Organization of the United Nations,

The Sudanese parties represented by :

- the government of the Sudan on the one hand and
- the Sudan Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement on the other hand :

a) Convinced that only a global, fair and durable solution, peacefully negotiated ,can solve the problems of Darfur ;
b) Agreeing on the fact that any peaceful and durable settlement of the problem of Darfur can be achieved only through frank and sincere dialogue ;
c) Convinced of the need to establish in the Darfur, as an integral part of Sudan, a democratic political life which can ensure the political, economic, and social rights of the populations;
d) Determined to combine their efforts to establish a comprehensive and definitive peace in the Darfur;
e) Reaffirming their commitment to fully implement the provisions of the Humanitarian Agreement which they signed on April 8, 2004 at Ndjamena;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1 : The parties reaffirm their will to convene and hold, under the auspices of the Mediation and with the assistance of the international community, a general conference of all the representatives of Darfur to discuss the political, economic, and social situation in the Darfur with the view of finding a global and definitive solution between the parties to the conflict ;

Article 2 : The parties have decided to immediately establish a Joint Preparatory Commission for the Conference whose tasks shall be to :

a) determine the items to be on the agenda of the Conference ;
b) determine the participation in the Conference ;
c) determine the date and venue of the Conference ;

d) discuss and agree on the security measures related to the organization of the Conference with the assistance of the Mediation.
e) ensure the follow-up of the implementation of the present agreement ;

Article 3 : The joint Commission shall be composed of 3 representatives of each party. The Mediation shall assist the Commission in carrying out its mission. The joint preparatory commission takes its decisions by consensus.

Article 4: In order to create conditions propitious to the holding of the Conference :

a) the parties reaffirm their commitment to fully implement items 1 and 2 of the agenda adopted at the first meeting and agree to discuss the third item on political matters ;
b) the parties confirm their commitment to reach a definitive and comprehensive cessation of hostilities between them ;
c) the parties shall create conditions needed to provide humanitarian assistance to displaced persons and other civilian victims of the conflict and this, wherever they shall be in the region of Darfur.
d) the Government of Sudan shall ensure that armed militia are neutralized and disarmed in the framework of a programme to be determined ;
e) the parties shall ensure effective free circulation of people and goods throughout the national territory ;
f) the parties shall ensure effective liberation of all prisoners of war and all other persons detained due to the conflict in the Darfur ;
g) the parties shall ensure the creation of conditions favourable to the voluntary return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes for their social reintegration.

Article 5 : The Conference referred to in article 1 above shall set goals to be achieved, inter-alia in the political, economical, social, military and security areas.

Article 6 : The parties have agreed, to continue, if they deem it necessary, their discussions within the framework of the Joint Preparatory Commission to complete the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 7 : In case of non compliance by one of the parties, with the provision of this Agreement, the other party shall refer such a case to the Mediation.

Article 8 : This Agreement shall take effect from its date of signature. This Agreement is drafted in Arabic, in French and in English, the three texts also being authentic.

N'Djaména, 25 April 2004

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