

## **Political Charter Between the Sudan Government and the SPLA (United)**

In the name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful

This Charter has been made on the 26th of April 1995 between the delegation of the Government of the Sudan and the SPLA/M (United) delegation. The two parties have pledged to cooperate, support each other and stand together in bringing about peace and ruling the Sudan according to the following principles:

1. Preserve the unity of the Sudan with its recognized international boundaries, secure its entity against all internal and external dangers. Endeavour to keep peace, justice and supremacy of the values of right and goodness.
2. The Federal System shall be tested and evaluated for a period of time to be agreed upon.
3. Assert and promote the values of participatory democracy in the light of the changing situations and practices.
4. Fight Sectarianism (Taifia) and its allies in all forms.
5. Observe freedom of religion and belief and maintain a suitable atmosphere for practising worship, Daawa and preaching. No citizen shall be coerced to embrace any faith or religion.
6. Recognize cultural diversity in the Sudan and enable the people to freely express their values.
7. Sharia, customs and beliefs shall be the sources for legislation in the Sudan. However, States may enact legislation complementary to the federal laws in matters peculiar to those States.
8. Citizenship shall be the basis of rights and duties in furtherance to the values of justice, equality, freedom and human rights.
9. The two parties shall fully and effectively participate in all constitutional, political and executive institutions at all levels.
10. The two parties shall work together for the stability, reconstruction, rehabilitation and development in the war affected areas. The support of the friendly and sisterly nations shall be sought to expedite the process.
11. After classification of the SPLA troops the two parties have agreed to form one national army, which will be deployed separately for a time to be agreed upon. A technical committee will be established to work out the details.
12. The Sudan shall interact with African and Arab nations on the basis of its effective Sudanese identity for the benefit of the country and the world community at large.

13. Power and national wealth in the Sudan will be equitably shared between the citizens of the country, the details shall be worked out by the two parties.

14. The two parties have agreed on decentralization of the South and a coordinating council shall be formed between the Southern States according to their consent.

15. The two parties agreed to mobilize all Sudanese, particularly people from war affected areas to rally behind and support of the peace agreement.

16. The two parties have agreed that social development is an extreme priority for the achievement of which the state shall plan for confidence building and expedite the process of alleviation of poverty, ignorance mid illiteracy. The State should also cater for provision of knowledge and satisfaction.

26 April 1995.

(signed)

For the Government of Sudan

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For the SPLA/M (United)

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