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GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN (GOSS)

Presidential Decree No. 07/2011 for the Formation of an ad hoc Ministerial Committee to prepare a proposal for acquisition of an area that shall become the Territory for the Capital of South Sudan.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN:

In exercise of powers conferred upon me under Article 103 (2) (k) of the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan, 2005, I, do hereby decree the formation of an ad hoc Ministerial Committee to prepare a proposal for acquisition of an area that shall become the territory for the Capital of South Sudan.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Minister of Investment – **Chairperson**
2. Minister of Internal Affairs – **Member**
3. Minister of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development – **Member**
4. Minister of Finance and Economic Planning – **Member**
5. Minister of Health – **Member**
6. Minister of Housing and Physical Planning – **Member**
7. Minister of Environment – **Member**
8. Minister of Cooperatives and Rural Development – **Member**
9. Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation – **Member**

Terms of Reference:

1. Determine whether the proposed new Capital Territory for South Sudan should be an expansive area capable of further expansion to cater for future population growth, or a relatively small area that merely serves as a politico-administrative centre for the three branches of Government.
2. Develop objective criteria against which to measure the suitability of any given location to serve as the new seat of the Government of South Sudan.

3. Employ the criteria referred to above to specifically examine the suitability of each of the locations already discussed by the GoSS Council of Ministers, and which are represented under the following four (4) scenarios:
 - (i) The Government of Central Equatoria State vacates Juba City to become the exclusive seat of the Government of South Sudan.
 - (ii) The Government of Central Equatoria State retains Juba as its capital, and the Government of South Sudan relocates to another site in the immediate vicinity of Juba city.
 - (iii) The Government of South Sudan relocates just across the Nile from its current location in Juba city to a site that could encompass a portion of the territory designated in the Presentation of the Minister of Investment to the GoSS Council of Ministers.
 - (iv) The Government of South Sudan relocates its seat to a new site further away from Juba, such as Ramchiel.
4. Initiate dialogue with the Government of Central Equatoria State to establish whether scenario (i) above is feasible.
5. Initiate dialogue with the relevant communities mentioned under scenarios (ii), (iii) and (iv) above to ascertain which of them would be feasible.
6. The Committee may undertake field visit to inspect any of the sites it may deem suitable to be considered as the seat of the Government of South Sudan.

The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the GoSS Council of Ministers not later than four weeks from the date of this decree.

DECREE AND DATE OF COMMENCEMENT:-

This Decree shall be cited as Presidential Decree No. 07/2011 for the Formation of an ad hoc Ministerial Committee to prepare a proposal for acquisition of an area that shall become the territory for the Capital of South Sudan.

Made under My Hand in Juba this Fifth Day of February, 2011


General Salva Kiir Mayardit

First Vice President of the Republic, and
President of the Government of Southern Sudan