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### *The Misguided International Humanitarian Policy on the Abyei Area*

**Juba, South Sudan, 16 September 2011** – The Abyei Community nationwide strongly applauds the “White Paper” of Kush Inc – which reaffirms the special status of Abyei, denounces the lack of adequate humanitarian response and calls for the ratification and just interpretation of the Addis Ababa Temporary Arrangement.

The Addis Ababa Temporary Agreement signed on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 between The Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) and the Government of Sudan (GoS), principally stipulated the urgent need for protection and return of Displaced People of Abbyei.

Classifying Abyei as part of the Republic of Sudan (North), and considering one-way access for humanitarian relief (via the North) amounts to un-recognition of Abyei as a contested area between North and South Sudan – and equally amounts to denial of desperately needed return-relief-protection for the people of Abyei.

Therefore, all concerned parties must work for establishment of a special status policy for Abyei leading to just implementation of the Abyei Protocol; secure return and protection of IDPs; immediate withdrawal of SAF/SPLA forces – and provide needed support for the Ethiopian forces as per the Addis Ababa June Agreement.



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