



Joint Communiqué

Dinka Malual and Messiriya Grassroots Peace Conference
November 11 to 14, 2008 Aweil Town, Northern Bahr el Ghazal
State, South Sudan

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1. **Conscious** of the present and of the future expectations and desire, by the Dinka Malual and Messiriya Communities, for common and shared development projects and efforts to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and unhindered access to right of our people to their portions of national wealth as stipulated under the Protocol on Wealth Sharing Agreement of CPA;
2. **Recalling** the long history of peaceful coexistence between Dinka Malual and Messiriya sombreness and compassion, respect of lives, fraternity that augment and brace us as two communities with interest in socio-economic development and good neighbourliness;
3. **Recalling** the long history of suffering as a result of the just ended North/South war that destroyed lives and loving youth from our communities and looting of livestock that has further caused profound grievances to our convictions and continued to by the cause of mischief to our mutual trust;
4. **Cognizant** of the significance of mutual recognition of each other's cultures, values, beliefs and respect of each other's right and of unhindered access to natural resources inside the lands of Dinka Malual and Messiriya;
5. **Mindful** of our shared desire to return of the innocent abducted children and women as documented by Committee for Eradication of Abduction of Women and Children (CEAWC);
6. **Recognizant, respect and committed** to full and timely implementation of Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA);
7. **Recalling** that this conference shall signal lasting end of long history of marginalization and exploitation of our natural resources and neglect to our local interest and needs;

8. **Inspired and encouraged** by wisdom and good leadership of H.E Paul Malong Awan, Governor of Northern Bahr el Ghazal and H.E. Omer Suleiman Adam, Governor of Southern Kordofan and his personal representative H.E. Mohamed Doriak Bakhat and wisdom and leadership of the Presidency, H.E President Omar El Bashir, First Vice President General Salva Kiir Mayardit and Vice President Ali Osman Taha; and **appreciative** of diligence by members and leadership of the Joint Committee, led by Mr Aldo Ajou Deng and Hon Alkhair Al Fahiem El Makki, Lt Gen. (RT) Abdel Rahman and Dr. Dhieu Mathok Diing for their excellent planning and supervision of this historical Conference; grateful to the funding from USAID, PADCO/AEM, Government of NBGS and Southern Kordofan State, supported by Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM) with flights; and the facilitation by Policy Advocacy & Strategic Studies (PASS); and we **urge the** United State Agency for International Development (USAID), European Union (EU), United Nations (UN), International/Local NGOs and both GONU and GOSS to timely response to our needs to empowerment of our traditional authority, local government and priorities of our local development and support to our desire to live as good neighbourliness and people of common destiny;
9. **We the conferees** deplore war and we are committed to end the instability and mutual destruction to our resources and resulting unjustified impediment of development and therefore the two parties on the following recommendations that emerged from our conference as per attached to be immediately implemented upon the date of signature;
10. **Thankful** to the outstanding hospitality extended to this historic Conference for peace organised by the Dinka Malual, the administration and people of Aweil Town;
11. **We renew** our confidence and urge the current leadership and membership of Joint Technical Committee (JTC) and Joint Steering Committee (JSC) to form a gender balanced institution; which should also involve youths, faith and the religious institutions that includes Dinka and Messiriya communities inside and outside the Sudan to advocate for peace and development in the area;
12. **We the delegates**, the representatives of Dinka Malual and Messiriya Al Humur of Al Fiyareen and Awlad Kamil, have deliberated and reached consensus and passed the following resolutions:


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Name: Amir Harika Osman

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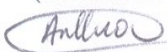
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Witnesses

Name: H.E. Maj. Gen. Paul Malong Awan
(Governor NBGS)

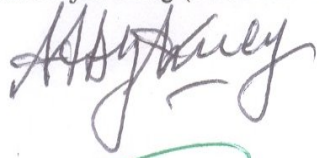
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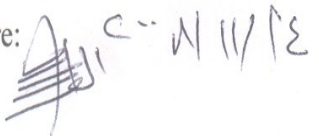
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Name: John Marks (USAID)

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Name: Hon El Taher El Rigig El Haj

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Name: Hon Garang Jal Akuer 

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