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DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (GRSS) AND THE (SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY IN OPPOSITION) (SPLM/A IN OPPOSITION)

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan (hereinafter referred to as the "Government" abbreviated as "GRSS"), and the (Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in Opposition)(hereinafter referred to as (SPLM/A in Opposition)),separately referred to as a Party and jointly referred to as "the Parties" agreed to this Release of Detainees Agreement(hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement")

Recognizing that both parties acknowledge the positive role that the detainees can play in the ongoing dialogue in South Sudan in line with the Communiqué of IGAD Summit held on 27thDecember 2013

Noting that IGAD Special Envoys and Partners have undertaken several consultative meetings with both the Parties and the detainees, during which there has been consensus/understanding that their release and participation in the dialogue is critical to the search for a peaceful political solution to the crisis in South Sudan;

Acknowledging that the Parties during the negotiations have realized the importance of participation of the detainees in achieving an all-inclusive dialogue and reconciliation within the SPLM and resolving the political differences in South Sudan with other political actors;

Welcoming the progress already made in the dialogue on Cessation of Hostilities (CoH),

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS;

1. Granting Pardon and Release of Detainees

The Parties, in pursuance of reaching a peaceful political settlement in the spirit of ending violence, agree to urge the President of the Republic of South Sudan to use his Constitutional Prerogatives to grant pardon and release the detainees to allow them to participate in the dialogue;

2. National Reconciliation

The Parties agree to establish an all-inclusive National Reconciliation Process in which the detainees and other political actors have a significant role to play;

3. AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties which shall be in writing and signed by the Parties;

4. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute that may arise from the implementation and interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably by the mediation of the IGAD Special Envoys;

5. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties.

In witness of the above, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Agreement on this day X of January 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For the Government of the Republic of South Sudan

For the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in Opposition

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Witnessed by the IGAD Special Envoys

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