

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST MERCIFUL

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THE NATIONAL DOCUMENT

Preface:

We, the people of the Sudan, as represented by political organizations, the armed movements and social forces, with its components, segments and national figures,

Considering all its components and classes and the patriotic and national figures; and,

Recognizing what sets this nation as distinct with due regard to its unique cultural heritage, not to mention its strategic location on the African Continent, and,

Stressing the values arising out of its diversity and multiplicity which constitute a source of strength and fortitude,

Expressing the people's aspirations and hopes to lay the foundations of a strong and great nation who will enjoy a decent life;

Proceeding from the peculiarity of this people whose patriotic yearnings are rallied around uplifting their country despite the great difficulties they encountered ever since its independence.

Believing that its determination will always prevail in achieving its objectives and that it overcome all difficulties in future;

Recognizing the divergence, differences and armed and civil conflicts witnessed by our country;

Seeking to turn over the past and to heal its wounds

Convinced that the problems of the Sudan can only be resolved through dialogue, hence the idea of a national dialogue was advanced following the kind initiative of the President of the Republic, Marshall Omer Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir, who, acting with a sense of patriotic responsibility to realize the national hope in a unified will of the nation to achieve the common shared goal of building the Sudan, promoting the unity of its people, and protecting its unity and national territories, proposed an integral package including political (party-based) and societal dialogue, in addition to a state organs reform program. .

Believing that the national and societal dialogue initiative was inevitably necessitated by the national imperatives and induced by extreme important challenges to address the risks threatening the country's territorial integrity and the nation at large, the entire people of the country have been waiting for the dialogue. Through such initiative,

we will endeavor to reproduce a dignified Sudanese role toward humanity,

Conscious of its high spirits, objectives and values to develop the national plans, policies and strategies thus forming a solid foundation for the will to shape through the rigorous and serious implementation,

Recalling the unprecedented acceptance of all the forces and their response to that purposeful initiative intended to achieve the national dream that combines and unites the national will, and

Affirming the unity of its people and the sanctity of the blood of its sons and daughters,

Attesting and Commending the ever present political will of the State and the determination and will of the national dialogue participants which contribute to the present efforts and helped in their culmination into outcomes and a national document constituting a social contract among the Sudanese people through which the principles of freedom, *Shura* and democracy, the rule of law, justice and equality shall be firmly entrenched.

Emphasizing our respect, promotion and protection of the Sudanese individual's dignity and rights which were steadfastly established by divine laws and international treaties and conventions, apart from our commendable spiritual values, customs and traditions,

Bearing in mind the crowds which overwhelmed the venue of the national dialogue comprising eighty nine parties and thirty six armed movements as well as representative of civil society and national figures in a momentous meeting at the friendship hall in Khartoum. All leaders rose above their differences and wounds. They met and shook hands and vowed to turn the page through an inclusive consensual dialogue in which dialogue values prevail acknowledging the other and recognizing multiplicity and diversity for the sake of building their all-encompassing national state ,

Cognizant of the great challenges and threat to the homeland, everyone joined in deliberating over the core axes of the issues pertaining to homeland in terms of identity, peace and unity, fundamental freedoms and rights, the economy, foreign relations, good-neighborliness relations, issues of governance and dialogue outcomes to secure the process of the country's progress and to protect it, unlock potentials, make the best of its resources in order for the people to enjoy decent life. By doing so, the people will move beyond decades characterized by social, political and

economic instability arising out of differences of opinions and ideas on which we should agree to build our great homeland.

Expressing our firm commitment which we promised to undertake, we have actively participated through a constructive and frank and deep dialogue in which the greatness and dignity of the people of this country has been strongly confirmed despite the adamant hurdles that kept facing the process of the dialogue.

Identity

- Identity-wise, we are Sudanese. Our identity gained its distinct dimension from the multiple ethnicities and cultures fused to produce our current composition and mixture to give this unique entity of the people of the Sudan. Its typical figure, characteristics and idiosyncratic features are responsible of what we are? The specificity of our geographical location is another dimension leading to cross-fertilization of cultures the fruit of which is our Sudanese culture with its diverse but distinctive ingredients. We have descended through a long successive centuries of history where different creative civilizations had come and gone. The past different eras had formed the memory and legacy of the country and the successive heavenly religions have enriched it with all virtuous values that shaped the conscience and emotions of its people. Therefore, in this exceptional context, citizenship becomes an emotional and a loyal sense of belonging to the homeland. This in its right will reflect its norms, customs, values and cultural components. This in its turn forms the solid underlying base on which equality in rights, fulfilling the duties are heavily established, and which further go beyond the limits of ethnic , tribal, regional and sectarian affiliations. Thus, widening the concept of national belonging and fully imbibes the diverse cultural, social and political dimensions, and that every Sudanese citizen by virtue of these values should exercise every efforts to highlight the glaring image of the homeland internally and externally.
- Acknowledgement and recognition of cultural diversity and social plurality of the components of the Sudanese people and values that eventually form the basis for its identity.
- Sowing, instilling and constructing the senses of identity while firmly strengthening its sublime meanings in the minds of the young people through upholding the values of citizenship.
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Freedoms and Fundamental Rights

- Freedom is Allah's gift, and to safeguard and disseminate to every citizen is a moral responsibility
- The adoption of a Constitution that reflects and expresses the people's will
- Citizenship is the standard and foundation for all the rights and duties of the people of the Sudan
- Freedom of thought, religion and religious practice without coercion
- Respect for, promotion and protection of human rights and dignity
- Maximizing the value and prestige of the State of law and the establishment of the values of justice and citizenship while renouncing chauvinism, bigotry and the narrow regional values in all their forms
- Adoption of the principles of transparency and corporate accounting and the rule of law
- Approval of *Shura* and democracy as an approach and basis for governance through political pluralism
- Freedom of expression, assembly and movement and participation in public life

Peace and Unity

- ❖ Affirmation of national sovereignty, and protection of the supreme interests and loyalty to the State.
- ❖ Renouncing all forms and manifestations of violence and commitment to the principle of dialogue to address all issues of the nation.
- ❖ Promoting peace and toleration culture and deepening emotional aspects which promote national reconciliation
- ❖ Building and reinforcing the social fabric and consolidating peace and peaceful coexistence among the people of the Sudan
- ❖ Protecting the family and caring for young persons through the realization of security and social protection and safety
- ❖ Empowering and promoting woman's participation in public life
- ❖ Enhancing the State capacity to achieve comprehensive security and fortify society against crime.
- ❖ Establishing the values of justice and equality among citizens in the context of the rule of law.
- ❖ Activating the role of indigenous and civil society and support initiatives.

Economy

- ◆ Adoption of an economic philosophy to be based on freedom and social responsibility and lays the foundation for fair distribution of national income, preservation of the environment, sustainability of resources, providing for possession of competitiveness of the national production then opening up to the global markets
- ◆ Realization of economic development in line with a comprehensive strategic vision according based on knowledge, based on the human, social and environmental implications.
- ◆ Adoption of a national strategy for economic planning and development in a way that realizes the targets of sustainable development and embodies the developmental balance and enhances social justice and welfare for the entire people, combat war taking into account the positive discrimination of war stricken areas
- ◆ Adoption of mixed economic orientation based on agriculture, industry, minerals, tourism and services while endeavoring to exploit and provide clean and renewable energies
- ◆ Endeavoring to attain self-sufficiency and food security
- ◆ Expanding employment opportunities in the national economy and confrontation of unemployment
- ◆ Creation of appropriate internal arrangements for the management of regional and international economic partnership.
- ◆ Preservation of environment, natural resources and protection of water rights.

Foreign Relations

- ✿ Adoption of a foreign policy capable of striking balance between the requirements of the supreme national interests so as to promote common interests that meet the aspirations of the people and uphold its principles.
- ✿ Adoption of good neighborly policy with all countries and confirming and strengthening the relations of integration and cooperation in regional and international context.
- ✿ Emphasizing the respect for international treaties and conventions ratified by Sudan and seeking to promote justice in international relations
- ✿ Observing mutual respect between States and non-interference in others' affairs

- ✿ Adoption of policies aimed at achieving security and global peace while combating and confronting violent extremism and human trafficking.

Governance Issues and the Outcomes of the Dialogue

- Selection of a federal government system as a system of governance with its three levels: federal, State and local while assigning a greater role for local government
- Approval of the presidential system as a system of rule, where the president is chosen through free and direct election
- The system of governance is based on the criteria and principles of good governance in which the peaceful rotation of power is observed while competition is carried out in a free and fair context.
- The state has two councils one for deputies and the other for the States
- Adoption of the principle of separation of legislative, executive and judicial authorities

Affirming the provision of people's support for the administration of the State and unification of its will, strengthening its negotiating capacities apart from the scientific foundation for its sovereignty and developing its strategic course for realizing the national goals at the forefront of which is the emotional sharing and national satisfaction, we aspire to arrive at:

- Reaching consensus and commitment over the national document and working towards its preservation and protection.
- Building a national strategy from which stems a plan for the State that will be binding for all and expressing the Sudanese national vision, and be prepared under the guidance and spirit of the national document and national dialogue
- Achieving integration and consistency for the national work through the review and coordination of the policies and legislations to be in harmony with the spirit of the national document and the national strategy
- Inducing comprehensive reform of the State apparatus
- Considering the dominance of the rule of law and order and institutionalism and freedoms

Believing in the need to promote the scientific and technical strength of the State and the shift towards the society of knowledge, excellence and innovation for the purpose of providing technical support and production of knowledge required to achieve national goals and to deal with the

strategic course of the State's issues which leads to peace and development and realizes excellence and competency and keeping in touch with other nations and the preservation of the environment and the best utilization of resources.

Establishing a professional responsible media capable of achieving initiative and able to reach and address the local and global masses in realization of national goals as well as realizing the values of the national document and promoting the culture of peace and State and peaceful coexistence apart from renouncing violence and strengthening national sense of belonging and encouraging national unity.

Cognizant of the necessity of achieving social protection, security and assurance and preserving a community that is both positively harmonious and interactive that enhances human rights and dignity and pride emotionally, psychologically and mentally and dissemination of knowledge to eradicate illiteracy and the provision of the human resource qualified in terms professional and ethical behavior, and developing the abilities and competencies and sense of home belonging through:

- Upgrading the values and promoting the intellectual and emotional level that accommodates the challenges of the time
- Developing the Sudanese human resource through knowledge and skills suitable for local and global challenges and contribute to strengthening the Sudanese identity and formulating the appropriate national and professional behavior to achieve the uprising and realize the desired future as well as the establishment of peaceful coexistence in the light of diversity and contribute to the formation of the national mind, not to mention the enhancement of loyalty and sense of national belonging
- Establishment of an effective educational system
- Strengthening the household structure and strengthening the role of the family in the upbringing and developing social protection mechanism and caring for persons with special needs
- Providing preventive health services and advanced and balanced therapy that is both sustainable and comprehensive.
- Developing youth cultural knowledge and productivity in a way that enhances identity and sense of home belonging as well as enhancing their participation in the process of development and enable them to achieve their aspirations and deal with the current developments and challenges of the time efficiently

Committed towards the mobilization of all the segments of the Sudanese people and its social and political components expressing their hopes and aspirations and enabling them to come terms to realize the will and unity of the nation towards national reconciliation and peaceful coexistence. Thus, we announce that the national document give way to the political forces and the armed movements that did not take part in the national dialogue to join.

Keeping in line with the spirit of this document we express our commitment to repose the national interest above all other considerations in order to specify the objectives, principles and foundations on basis of which rests the future of the Sudan as well as an expression of our identity that the national document underpins quite conspicuously.

Affirming by virtue of our national responsibility our full commitment of all the outcomes achieved in the national dialogue, we pledge to proceed to put the outcomes on practical real grounds among all sectors, components and segments of the people of the Sudan. In fulfillment of this commitment and realizing it through pure national will, we hereby put our signature to the document in order to open a new page of our history hoping it to be of crystalline clarity.