

## **Sudanese Declaration of Principles: The Road for Building a New State**

**First: We**, the Sudanese democratic forces opposed to the war and committed to halting and ending it, to achieve a just and sustainable peace, and to restore the spirit and objectives of the glorious December People's Revolution.

Reaffirm the demands of our people for unity, sovereignty, to end the war, address the humanitarian catastrophe, the protection of civilians, a civil democratic transition, and the exclusion of extremist groups and forces of war from determining our nation's future. These principles were articulated clearly in the Quartet Declaration which issued on September 12, 2015, by the United States, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates. Accordingly, we express our unwavering support for this declaration, which faithfully encapsulates the core demands of our people.

**Second:** Consequently, we put forward the Sudanese Declaration of Principles with the aim of mobilizing the broadest possible coalition of forces, dedicated to peace, democracy, and reconstruction; thereby provide a democratic alternative and establish a robust and resilient social foundation. This declaration will engage constructively with regional and international initiatives, particularly the Quartet initiative, alongside coordinated engagement with the multilateral Quintet mechanism, which includes the African Union, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) the League of Arab States, the United Nations, and the European Union.

This approach is profoundly grounded in collaboration, harmony and consensus that advance, rather than impede, and which is a proactive and enables the Sudanese people to exercise ownership and reclaim their destiny through the engagement with these initiatives. Safeguard the unity of their country and uphold sovereignty over their territory and resources. It further asserts Sudan's constructive contribution to national, regional, and international peace and security, unequivocally eschewing terrorism as well as any activities that threaten regional and international stability.

**Third:** We reaffirm and renew our commitment to the following principles aimed at halting and bringing an end to the war:

1. The unity and sovereignty of Sudan are intrinsically linked to the protection of civilians, addressing of the humanitarian catastrophe, and the assurance of civil, economic, and social rights, foremost among them the right to life.

2. There is no military solution to the root causes and underlying drivers of the war. Therefore, the viable path forward lies in a comprehensive, new, national- building project that guarantees peace, food security, democracy, justice, development, and dignity for all.
3. An immediate and unconditional ceasefire for a period of three months, as stipulated in the Quartet Declaration, to address the humanitarian catastrophe and prioritize the protection of civilians, as a first step toward advancing this arrangements into a permanent ceasefire.
4. The organic linkage between the humanitarian, military, and political tracks and must be treated as a single, integrated package, aimed at realizing a full-fledged, civilian-led democratic transition.
5. A civilian-led transitional process, excluding the warring parties, and must ensure the binding commitment of all parties to the conflict, to a democratic civilian-led transition and governance.
6. The future of Sudan must not be determined by the Islamist movement/National Congress Party or its affiliates, which have historically presented the most detrimental extensions and offshoots of the Muslim Brotherhood. These forces ruled Sudan with oppression and violence for more three decades under various labels and military formations, such as the National Security Apparatus, the Popular Security Forces, the Popular Defense Forces, and Special Operations Brigades, Al- Baraa ibn Malik Brigades and others. They systematically captured state institutions and actively worked to undermine national, regional and international stability. Therefore, they must be excluded from the political process and from any future security arrangements, their elements must be removed- roots and branches- from the security sector and their entrenched influence within the state institutions, and the economy must be liquidated and they should be designated as a terrorist organization in all their forms, at the national, regional, and international levels. This must be accompanied by full Accountability for all the crimes committed over the past decades.
7. A Sudanese-led and Sudanese owned political process that leads to a nine-month transitional period, integrated with a humanitarian truce as a single, comprehensive package.
8. Structuring state institutions on a solid foundation free from the empowerment of armed groups, militias, and the Islamic movement, and achieve the establishment of a single, unified, professional national armed force that is non-politicized, reflecting Sudan's diversity, an institution that remains detached from political and economic activities, and is subject to civilian democratic authority, beginning in the transitional period.

9. Sudan must actively contribute to safeguard the security of the Red Sea, and engage in regional and international cooperation to combat terrorism, and remain committed to ensure that Sudan's territory and coastlines are not used as foreign bases that undermine national, regional, or international stability.

**Fourth: We**, the Sudanese forces inside and outside the country, are firmly resolved to make the necessary sacrifices and to work tirelessly to halt and end the war, and to build a new state founded on justice, accountability, and reparations for the victims – those who were exterminated, killed and whose lives were unjustly taken, who were forcibly displaced from their homes without cause, subjected to humiliation and degradation, as well as the thousands of wounded and those who went missing. We also acknowledge the destruction of infrastructure and the unjust tearing apart of precious social bonds without fault.

**We**, the signatories to the Sudanese Declaration of Principles, will steadfastly pursue the path of sustainable peace, equal citizenship, democracy, and development. We will restore the legacy of the December People's Revolution, the spirit of its courageous youth, and the enduring aspirations of our people for freedom, peace, and justice.

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### **Signatories:**

#### **1- Political Forces**

- National Umma Party
- Sudan Liberation Movement/Army, chaired by Abdul Wahid Al Nour (SLM/A- WA)
- Sudan People's Liberation Movement Revolutionary Democratic Current (SPLM/RDC)
- Sudanese Congress Party (SCP)
- Sudanese National Alliance
- The Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party – Original
- The Ba'ath National Party
- The Coalition of Eastern Sudan Civil Forces
- The Naserist Party
- The Republican Party
- The Unified National Unionist Party
- The Unionist Alliance

## **2- Independent Public Figures**

- Dr. Abdalla Hamdok , the legitimate Prime Minister of the December Revolution
- Siddiq Elzailaee, Intellectual and writer
- al Haj Waraq, Intellectual and writer
- Aalim Abbas, poet and author
- Abdel-Monim Eljak, Social scientist and research

## **3- Coordination of Professionals and Trade Unions**

### **4- Civil Society Organizations**

- Darfur Bar Association
- Intellectual Issues Center and Journal

### **5- Resistance Committees**

### **6- Coordination for the Internally Displaced Persons(IDPs) and Refugees**