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Press Release
Establishment of Abyei Area Administration

As the African Union Peace and Security Council accepted the 21st September 2012 Proposal on the Final Status of Abyei Area that ensures the conduct of Abyei Referendum in October 2013 for the members of Ngok Dinka and other permanent residents and calls for the immediate and full implementation of the Agreement for Temporary Arrangements for Administration and Security of Abyei Area; particularly the establishment of Abyei Area Administration, President Salva Kiir Mayardit has ordered for immediate finalization of the nomination list of the Government of Sudan for the positions of Deputy Chief Administrator and the Speaker of Abyei Area Council.

As Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) has been called on by the AU Peace and Security Council to assist in the establishment of the Abyei Area Administration, the South Sudan component of AJOC has made the necessary consultation with the local chiefs and SPLM leaders in Abyei Area on the nominations of the Government of Sudan for the positions of the Deputy Chief Administrator and the Speaker of the Abyei Area Council. The process for the finalization of the nomination list of the Government of Sudan is now at the final stage.

As the formation of a joint administration with the Government of Sudan that destroyed Abyei town and annihilated the lives and livelihoods of Ngok Dinka will not be comprehended easily by the people of Abyei, the international community is expected to reassure the people of Abyei by ensuring the full withdrawal of Sudan Armed Forces from Abyei Area, finalization of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and the endorsement and full implementation of the 21st September Proposal on the final status of Abyei Area.

The Abyei Joint Oversight is scheduled to hold its next meeting on 20th November 2012 in Abyei town. I called my counterpart in Khartoum to inform him that the Government of South Sudan is now ready for the formation of the Abyei Area Administration and to finalize in the next meeting of AJOC the nomination lists for the various positions in Abyei Area Administration.


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