TITLE 4.

EASTERN SUDAN TRACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN AND THE SUDAN REVOLUTIONARY FRONT

Preamble

The Transitional Government of the Republic of Sudan and the Sudan Revolutionary Front (Eastern Sudan Track), hereinafter "the Parties";

Seeking to realize comprehensive, just, and durable peace and maintain Sudan's unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty;

Reiterating their desire to reach a lasting solution for issues related to Eastern Sudan for the realization of the slogans of the revolution (freedom, peace and justice);

Pursuing inclusive, just and sustainable development nationwide;

Reaffirming their commitment to the agreements signed between the Transitional Government of Sudan and the Revolutionary Front, namely the Juba Declaration of Confidence Building Procedures and the Preparation for Negotiation signed on 11 September 2019 and the Political Declaration signed on 21 October 2019;

Convinced of the urgent need to establish comprehensive peace in Sudan addressing the root causes of crisis and conflict in Sudan;

Wishing to end the state of war, political and social tension and their implications and causes;

Acknowledging that the crisis in Eastern Sudan is caused by political, economic, social and cultural marginalization;

The Parties agreed to the following:

CHAPTER ONE
THE POLITICAL ISSUE

General Principles

First: Sudan is a sovereign, democratic, parliamentary, pluralistic and decentralized state where rights and duties are based on citizenship without discrimination on grounds of race, faith, culture,

sex, color, gender, social or economic status, political opinion, disability, regional affiliation or any other reason.

Second: In order to eliminate political marginalization in Eastern Sudan, the Parties agree to the following principles:

1. Adopting a decentralized, federal, pluralistic and democratic system of governance which ensures delegation of powers and resource allocation and which comprises three levels of governance (federal –state-level/Regional – local).

2. Ensuring active and fair participation for the men and women of Eastern Sudan in power at national, regional/state and local levels as well as in all organs of the state in accordance with proportions of the population and positive discrimination while observing qualification and competence criteria.

3. Asserting the fair representation of women while observing qualification and competence criteria. Women participation shall constitute no less than 40% at all levels.

4. Ensuring the participation of the youth in authority by a specified percentage.

Human Rights and Transitional Justice

5. The federal government shall endeavor to promote human rights in accordance with ratified international and regional instruments and protect freedom of expression, thought, belief and political affiliation;

6. The Parties affirm their willingness to cooperate fully and without restrictions in relation to persons against whom arrest warrants have been issued including, among other things, facilitating bringing those wanted to the International Criminal Court to stand trial;

7. The Parties shall consider signing and ratifying treaties, agreements and protocols, particularly those related to the rights of women, children and families and complying with the international law and rules of human rights;

8. Codifying UNSC resolution 1325 related to Women, Peace and Security;

9. The Federal Government shall endeavor to carry out fair investigations and trials for all violations perpetrated in the region since 30 June 1989, particularly the events of 29 January 2005, the events of 27-28 Ramadan 2019 in Port Sudan, preceding events in the state of al-Qadarif and the rest of the region and the various events that followed in the region by forming independent investigation committees and bringing perpetrators to stand trial as soon as possible;

10. Guaranteeing the rights of shipping and unloading workers onboard and off-board ships and reaching lasting remedies for their employment status in accordance with the law;

Social Peace and Freedoms

11. The Federal Government shall endeavor to consolidate social peace among the different components of the states/region through revising laws and enforcement mechanisms thereof

and making the necessary decisions, workshops and conferences for that purpose;

Participation at the National Level

12. Eastern Sudan Track's share at the national level shall be included within the peace bloc;

Participation at the Regional/State-Level

13. The Parties agreed to allocate 30% of the representation for the opposition's Beja Congress and the United Popular Front for Liberation and Justice at legislative and executive levels in Eastern Sudan's three states as appropriate for the goals of just peace.

Representation of the People of the East in Civil Service

14. The Parties agreed to remedy the imbalance in national civil service for citizens of Eastern Sudan at all levels of employment proportionate to population weight and according to positive discrimination criteria provided that appointment is made according to qualification and competence standards;

15. The Federal Government shall endeavor to accommodate the men and women of Eastern Sudan in all national civil service posts by a percentage of up to 14% of all public employment posts. This shall be done under the supervision of the National Commission for Civil Service Reform;

Education and Human Development Issues

16. The Parties reaffirm that education is a right guaranteed for every citizen. The state shall ensure that basic education is free and mandatory and endeavor to eradicate illiteracy;

17. The Federal Government shall prioritize the promotion of education at all levels in Eastern Sudan and pay utmost attention to the education of girls;

18. The Federal Government shall endeavor to promote and celebrate local languages. Competent national institutions shall consider methods to integrate them into national curricula in the framework of the overall policy for other national languages;

19. The state/regional government shall endeavor to open boarding schools as needed;

20. The Federal and state/regional government shall endeavor to develop and disseminate professional and vocational education in the state/region;

21. The principle of positive discrimination shall be applied to the men and women of the East in higher education scholarships and external university scholarships in accordance with the policies, regulations and standards of higher education;

22. The Government and the East Fund shall allocate a specified share of their resources to paying the tuition of students from Eastern Sudan in governmental universities after carrying out a social study;

23. The communal administration in Eastern Sudan shall urge citizens and encourage them to pursue education.

Health Issues

24. The Government shall commit to providing primary health and reproductive health care and emergency services free of charge for all citizens in addition to developing public health and establishing, developing and rehabilitating essential treatment and diagnostic institutions;

25. The Federal Government and the state/regional government shall commit to improving and consolidating the health system and rehabilitating educational, reference and mobile hospitals, medical schools and health centers in addition to providing qualified medical staff and auxiliary personnel;

26. The Federal Government and the state/regional government shall commit to making specialized health centers available in rural and remote areas;

27. The Government shall commit to conducting an integrated study on the environmental and health impacts resulting from the use of asbestos in houses' roofs and water networks in New Halfa area and introducing the necessary remedies;

28. The Government shall commit to conducting a study on endemics and contagious diseases in the state/region with the help of organizations working in the field of health and introducing the necessary remedies;

29. The Government shall commit to conducting a study on health and education to determine the priorities and sites for establishing and rehabilitating schools, hospitals and health centers in coordination with the competent authorities;

Cultural Diversity

30. The Federal Government and the state/region government shall commit to promoting cultural diversity in all of the country's media institutions and organs;

31. The Parties reaffirm that the diversity of languages, cultures and faiths of the people of Sudan is a source of moral strength and inspiration for the Sudanese people, so it should be protected, respected and developed;

32. The Federal Government shall work in coordination with the state/regional government on holding conferences on the issues of culture, cultural diversity and local heritage;

33. The Federal and state/regional government shall work on developing the capacity and upgrading the skills of the youth;

Conference of the People of Eastern Sudan

34. A comprehensive conference covering all issues of the East shall be held in one of the states of the East. All political, civil and communal forces shall participate in the conference to complete the requirements of peace;

35. All committees and topics of the conference, selection and development of papers therein, and all matters related to the conference shall be undertaken by the government of Sudan, the Eastern Track, and other political, civil and communal forces in Eastern Sudan;

36. The conference shall be funded through the general budget of the state of Sudan;

37. All recommendations issued by the comprehensive conference, which are not provided for herein, shall be deemed a complementary part of this agreement and the central government shall commit to implementing them.

The Agreement Implementation Committee

38. A high committee for the implementation of the agreement shall be created by the undersigned parties to this agreement, including the Federal Government, the Eastern Track and other political, civil and communal forces in Eastern Sudan. The Federal Government shall assign the committee main offices and allocate the necessary budget.

CHAPTER TWO
THE SOCIOECONOMIC ISSUE

General Principles

39. Wealth of the country includes natural and human resources, historic and cultural heritage and financial and non-financial assets;

40. The main goals of economic development in Sudan is to combat poverty and ensure the fair allocation of wealth and secure a dignified life for citizens;

41. The government shall work on improving and managing the national economy and achieving economic growth and self-reliance through encouraging the policy of free market economy while preventing monopoly and engaging citizens in developing and implementing economic policies;

42. The Federal Government shall commit to developing strategies and policies that ensure social justice for all the people of Sudan;

43. A share of the revenues of national projects operating in the state/region shall be allocated for economic and social development within the respective state/region;

44. The Parties agree to establish a mechanism to work on determining the percentage of social responsibility from national projects for the states/Region of Eastern Sudan within three months of signing this agreement;

45. The Parties shall commit to working together to maintain a clean and healthy natural environment;

46. The government shall commit to taking effective measures for positive discrimination by adopting sustainable economic, social and developmental policies;

47. The government reaffirms the right of the state/ region to benefit from its natural, economic and developmental resources in accordance with the standards of wealth sharing and positive

discrimination;

48. The government shall take the necessary measures to resume shipping and unloading operations and the measures of customs and customs clearance to the states/region of Eastern Sudan;

49. Reviewing investment laws and simplifying procedures.

Developing and Managing Natural Resources and Infrastructure

50. The Federal Government shall work on achieving the balanced, integrated and sustainable development goals in coastal areas of historic, economic and national importance and the fisheries and marine resources thereof and ensuring their protection and development;

51. The government shall work on reviewing financing policies for specialized banks, especially in the domain of agriculture;

52. In the context of positive discrimination, the government shall build internal paved roads which constitute an important piece of infrastructure for the desired development in Port Sudan, Kassala and Al-Qadarif, in addition to airports and heliports;

53. Paying attention to tourism in the region as an important resource for the economy by improving the necessary infrastructure and reviewing investment laws;

54. Addressing the problems of electricity in the state/region and improving the sources of energy by introducing sources of alternative energy and linking rural areas on the red sea, Kassala and al-Qadarif with the national grid.

55. The Government shall commit to addressing the problem of water in Port Sudan definitively from the Nile and al-Qadarif through Setit Dam and Kassala water harvesting projects;

56. Studying the establishment of free zones at the borders with neighboring countries;

57. Regulating traditional mining and addressing the resulting adverse environmental impacts and maintaining the rights of local communities;

58. The Parties agreed to allocate 30% of the Federal government's net revenue from mineral and oil resources extracted from the states/Region of Eastern of Sudan for the benefit of these states/Region for a period of seven years.

Issues of Lands, Dams and Displaced Persons

59. Reaffirming sovereignty of the country and maintaining its lands in al-Fashqa and demarcating the borders with Ethiopia and resolving the issue of Halayeb.

60. The Parties agreed to create a regional lands commission in Eastern Sudan;

61. The Federal Government shall work through the National Lands Commission and the East of Sudan Lands Commission to review land settlement and registration laws, taking the local norms into consideration;

62. The Government shall commit to creating a fair investigation committee in relation to displaced persons, to redress and preserve their humanity, revise land surveys and decisions of compensation committees and provide the necessary services including water, electricity, education, health, and security. Its recommendations shall be submitted to the competent authority to undertake the necessary measures;

63. Reaffirming the importance of revising national and foreign investment contracts in the state/region;

64. Creating a committee for revising the contracts of building the dams of Upper Atbara River and Setit;

65. Addressing the conditions of internally displaced persons in the region by reconciling their status and providing them with basic services, including housing, health, education and security among other services;

Issues of Agriculture and Forestry

66. Reviewing and legalizing the status of agriculture projects in the three states, provided that they are registered in accordance with the law.

67. Revitalizing agriculture research centers and plant protection through training and qualifying staff to supervise the entire agricultural processes;

68. The Government shall encourage the establishment of manufacturing industries of agricultural, animal and fish products to prevent exporting raw material;

69. Activating the law of forestry and holding to account perpetrators of illegal logging at the cost of forestry;

70. Rehabilitating agricultural projects in the state/region, especially the projects of al-Qash Delta, Tokar, New Halfa and al-Rahad and providing the necessary assistance;

71. The Federal and state/regional governments shall commit to eliminating the scourge of Mesquite;

The East Development Fund

72. The Federal Government shall commit to reviewing the Eastern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund seeking the assistance of experts; introducing a law for the Fund and restructuring it, provided that the parties of the Eastern Track are on its board of directors.

73. The Parties agreed to consult on the appointment of the executive director of the East Development Fund.

74. The resources of the Fund shall be allocated from the public treasury, donors and any other legitimate sources.

75. The Parties agree that the Government shall allocate an initial amount of 348,000,000 (three hundred forty-eight million US Dollars only), provided that this amount is deducted from the share of Eastern Sudan in the national resources. This shall be considered part of the positive

discrimination;

76. The Parties agree to establish the National Eastern Sudan Bank;

77. The return of collective work and revitalizing cooperative work and competition in the labor market;

78. Paying attention to manufacturing and small industries through the creation of service, professional, industrial, agricultural and other cooperatives and providing legal, immaterial and financial support;

79. Facilitating the procedures for the input of means of production and marketing and removing the obstacles;

80. Mainstreaming the cooperative sector to provide the necessary and consumer needs. Controlling prices and providing subsidized commodities and preventing the monopoly of essential commodities;

81. The Parties affirm that every individual shall have the right to ownership or possession in accordance with the law and that usurped rights shall be returned to their legitimate owners by the law.

Reviewing Previous Rights and Projects

82. The Government shall commit to reviewing all internal local, regional and international investment agreements in the state/region including mining, agriculture, ports, electricity, water, construction and others. and development projects which were reached between 30 June 1989 and the date of signing the present agreement and reviewing the studies that were prepared for those projects through a legal-economic committee and joint expert bodies;

83. The Parties agreed to review all usurped rights of those afflicted by the policies of the defunct regime in accordance with the law;

The Economic Conference

84. The Parties agreed to hold a conference to discuss and find solutions for issues of industry, agriculture and investment and in Eastern Sudan. The conference shall be held in one of the eastern states and its committees and papers shall be determined by a joint committee by both Parties;

Addressing Other Issues

85. The Parties reaffirm that the Republic of Sudan shall have one national army and other national regular professional forces that reflect the Sudanese diversity and undertake the duty of protecting Sudan in accordance with the constitution and the law. The right to join such forces shall be guaranteed to every Sudanese person who meets the criteria and conditions of joining those institutions;

86. The Parties recognize that the reintegration of former combatants is an important element for a peaceful and secure Sudan. This shall support them make the transition to a productive civil

life; therefore, the Parties agree on the following:

86.1. The Transitional Government of Sudan shall commit, through a joint committee, to reviewing the problems, if any, of the procedures of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) stipulated in the East Agreement of 2006, and endeavoring to addressing them;

86.2. Observing the principle of positive discrimination for the engagement of the people of East Sudan in the armed forces and other regular forces and institutions;

86.3. The Government of Sudan shall endeavor to take practical steps to enable people to join the armed forces and other regular forces;

86.4. Working on demining areas affected by landmines, providing the necessary support for that purpose and addressing the impact on victims of landmines.