



CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT

COMMITMENT BY THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY (IN OPPOSITION) TO END GRAVE VIOLATIONS AGAINST CHILDREN

Recognizing the need to protect children from grave violations during the armed conflict that started on 15 December 2013;

Realizing the severe impact on the protection and wellbeing of children due to the ongoing conflict in South Sudan;

Recalling the SPLM/Army (in Opposition) obligation to respect International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights law;

Recalling the SPLM/Army (in Opposition) obligations pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolutions on Children and Armed Conflict, in particular, resolutions 1539 (2004), 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012) and 2143 (2014);

Reaffirming the commitment made in the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement between the Republic of South Sudan and the Sudan people's Liberation Movement/Army (in Opposition) of 23 January 2014 for the protection of children, in particular article 3.3 and 3.4 of the agreement;

The Sudan People Liberation Movement/Army (in Opposition) commits to;

1. Take all measures to end grave violations against children immediately;
2. Allow the United Nations and its partners to monitor and report on grave violations against children and to provide necessary assistance to child victims.
3. Engage with the United Nations in accordance with Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict, in particular 1539 (2004), to end and prevent grave violations against children.
4. Appoint high level focal point to engage with the United Nations to address violations against children.

Addis Ababa, 10 May 2014

SIGNED

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