

## **Agreement to Create a Conducive Atmosphere for Peace**

We, the Government of Sudan and the Eastern Front, hereby referred to as the parties;  
**Confirming** our commitment to arrive at a negotiated just political solution to the problem of Eastern Sudan;

**Adhering** to our commitment to immediately cease all military hostilities and to maintain a military stand-down in the Eastern Front during the negotiations;

**Confirming** our commitment to work towards creating a conducive atmosphere for peace;  
**Agree on the following:**

1. Cease all attacks on the military personnel and positions and seizure of property and equipment of the other side.
2. Refrain from all acts of violence against civilians, as well as threats directed at them and their forceful displacement.
3. Cease all attacks on developmental, economic and social services infra-structure and institutions.
4. Refrain from supporting armed groups that are opposed to peace.
5. Cease all hostile propaganda and media campaigns.
6. Cooperate in observing and respecting the cessation of hostilities and work to contain and resolve problems that might occur.
7. Endeavor to create a conducive atmosphere that encourages the return of internally displaced people and refugees to their homes.
8. Establish a tri-partite committee, composed of representatives of the Government of Sudan, the Eastern Front and the Government of Eritrea to monitor this agreement and agree that the committee would meet immediately after the signing of this agreement.

The two parties commit to take further steps as conditions permit to build confidence between them and create a conducive atmosphere for the peace process. These steps would include:

- (a) Lifting of the state of emergency in Eastern Sudan.
- (b) Releasing all prisoners of war and all those detained because of their links to the problem of Eastern Sudan.
- (c) Implementing the agreement between the Government of Sudan and the movement of the "Free Lions" signed in Tripoli on June 14, 2000, and its implementation protocol of December 24, 2005.

**Asmara, June 19, 2006**