

The Statute of the Sudan Revolutionary Front of 2012
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The Sudan Revolutionary Front (SFR) The Statute of the Sudan Revolutionary Front of 2012

Preamble:

Guided by the political manifesto of the Sudan Revolutionary Front,
Convinced that the Sudanese must be set free from oppression, persecution and hatred,
Affirming our deep belief that the Sudan needs to have a true identity that reflects all the components of the Sudanese population,
Living up to the values of freedom, justice, democracy and peace,
Resolved to build a decentralized, federal, liberal and democratic nation, voluntarily united,
Mindful of the failures of the successive regimes that have ruled the Sudan since its independence,
Determined to preserve the dignity of the Sudanese citizens and to fight corruption,
Aiming to lay fair criteria for the sharing of resources and power,
Endeavoring to put an end to human rights violations such as genocides, ethnic cleansing and other similar atrocities,
Seeking to arrest perpetrators and bring them to justice before national and international judicial institutions,
Striving towards equal citizenship for all the segments of the Sudanese population, as the only criteria for the enjoyment of rights and the fulfillment of duties,
Urging the Sudanese people to embark rapidly on establishing SRF branches in the residential and commercial districts, in the Sudanese rural and urban areas as well as abroad, guided by the present statute and under the supervision of the competent secretariats,

The Sudan Revolutionary Front hereby issues the SRF Statute of 2012.

Chapter I Preliminary Provisions

1. Nature of the SRF: The SRF is a revolutionary political alliance seeking to implement the principles and objectives established in its political manifesto and the present statute.
2. Formation, Headquarters and Structure:
 - a. By virtue of the provisions of this Statute, a front, under the name the Sudan
 - b. Revolutionary Front (SRF), is formed and headquartered in the liberated territories.
 - c. The SRF is composed of rebels and members of its constituent factions.
3. Interpretation: Unless the context dictates otherwise, terms and phrases listed below shall have the same definition provided next to them.
 - a. **SRF/The Front** means the Sudan Revolutionary Front.
 - b. **The Statute** means the SRF Statute of 2012.
 - c. **Political Faction** means any peaceful or armed faction that undertakes political action in the Republic of Sudan.
 - d. **Revolutionary Faction** means any armed or peaceful political faction striving to change the regime in the Republic of Sudan.
 - e. **The Council** means the Leadership Council of the front.
 - f. **The Chief** means the Chief of the SRF Leadership Council.
 - g. **Deputy Chief** means any of the deputies of the Chief of the Council.
 - h. **Sector** means any of the SRF Sectors stipulated in this statute.
 - i. **Member** means any Sudanese national, male or female, or any national or intellectual faction or figure.
 - j. **Rebel** means any member of the SRF constituent factions or any member of the national, academic and cultural institutions and civil society organizations that are part of the front.
 - k. **The Joint Forces Committee** means the joint forces committee of the front.
 - l. **Head of the Joint Forces Committee** means the head of the joint forces committee of the front.

Chapter II

Principles, Objectives and Means

4. Principles:

The SRF shall endeavor to achieve its objectives based on the following principles:

- i. The Sudanese state is a decentralized, federal and democratic state where governance is based on the will of the people. Rights and obligations are based on citizenship and the full equality between citizens without discrimination on the grounds of faith, ethnicity, cultural heritage, gender, color, origin or political affiliation. Legislations and laws guarantee freedom of religion, freedom of ideological, cultural and political beliefs and freedom of expression of such beliefs through peaceful means.
- ii. Establishing a democratic regime and ensuring the peaceful transfer of power, being considered as prerequisites for stability, peace and sustainable development.
- iii. Adopting the principle of guaranteeing public freedoms, human rights, democracy, rule of law and the peaceful transfer of power through free and fair elections.
- iv. Adopting the principle of equal citizenship as the basis for rights and obligations.
- v. Adopting the principle of a Sudanese identity that embraces cultural, ethnic and religious diversity and pluralism.
- vi. Adopting a constitution and laws based on the separation of religious and state institutions to avoid the exploitation of religion in politics.
- vii. Adopting the principle of the separation of executive, legislative and judicial powers.
- viii. Adopting the principle of power and resource sharing proportionally to the size of the population in each region while taking into consideration other substantial criteria and the implementation of the positive discrimination principle for war-torn regions and areas.
- ix. Adopting the principle of voluntary unity of all the regions of the Sudan.
- x. Adopting the principle of independence of the judiciary and the sovereignty of the rule of law.
- xi. Adopting the principle of transparency and accountability.

- xii. Affirming the right of the citizens to enjoy decent living conditions, have access to basic services, live in security and safety and enjoy full respect of their will and fundamental rights.

5. Objectives:

The SRF shall seek to achieve the following objectives:

- i. Overthrow the ruling National Congress Party and change the governing regime in the Sudan.
- ii. Consolidate and reinforce the efforts of Sudanese political powers, civil society and community activists and the different sectors of society such as women, youth groups, students, professionals and workers; and line up the forces of resistance in order to topple the ruling National Congress regime or any other despotic regime.
- iii. Build a state that respects human rights in keeping with national, regional and international instruments and lay the foundations for a decentralized, federal ruling system where powers and resources are cascaded across the different levels of governance.
- iv. Form a transitional national unity government that strives to maintain peace and order for all the people of the Sudan, put down a transitional constitution for the state and serve the following functions:
 - a. Address and resolve existing issues and conflicts in the Sudan and ensure the special interests of all regions devastated by policies, wars and armed conflicts.
 - b. Conduct a general population census in compliance with international standards and control mechanisms.
 - c. Hold free and fair elections at all levels in accordance with international standards and control mechanisms.
- v. Restructure and strengthen the state institutions such as the civil service, state armed forces, the judicial system and other establishments and entities.
- vi. Build balanced foreign relations based on the principle of establishing regional and international peace and security, good-neighborliness, peaceful coexistence, and mutual respect of the common interests of peoples and nations.
- vii. Promptly hand over war criminals and perpetrators of genocides, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity to the International Criminal Court.

6. Means:

To achieve its objectives, the SRF shall adopt the following means of strife for regime change.

- i. Grassroots political action.
- ii. The comprehensive peaceful solution that leads to regime change.
- iii. Regional and international solidarity and diplomatic action.
- iv. Armed struggle.
- v. Any other means approved by the Council.

Chapter III Membership

7. Requirements for SRF membership:

To join the SRF, the following conditions shall be met:

- i. The applicant must be a Sudanese citizen, male or female, a political faction, a national, professional, intellectual or academic figure or a civil society actor.
- ii. Applicants must abide by the declared objectives of the front.
- iii. Applicants must obtain the approval of the Council.

8. Member Rights:

SRF members shall be entitled to:

- i. Nominate candidates and run as candidates for the various bodies of the SRF, as per applicable laws and regulations.
- ii. Take part in the meetings of the different SRF bodies, as per applicable regulations.
- iii. Express their opinions freely before SRF institutions, as per applicable laws and regulations.
- iv. Obtain information pertaining to the SRF's public policies and activities.
- v. Submit proposals, suggest initiatives and send inquiries, verbally or in writing, to the various SRF bodies and receive answers on the latter, as per applicable laws and regulations.
- vi. Vote in meetings in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- vii. Request the implementation of any provision of the present statute or any decision or agreement adopted by SRF bodies, as per applicable laws and regulations.

9. Member obligations:

SRF members shall fulfill the following obligations:

- i. Abide by the principles and objectives established in the present statute and the related laws and regulations issued by virtue thereof.
- ii. Reject all grounds for discrimination on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion, color or political affiliation and all types of discord within SRF bodies.
- iii. Promptly respond to any call for assistance whenever made by SRF bodies or leaders.
- iv. Diligently endeavor to implement the principles and objectives of the front.
- v. Carry out the general and special assignments commissioned by SRF bodies.
- vi. Act in the spirit of loyalty and self-sacrifice to meet the objectives of the SRF.
- vii. Abide by the decisions of SRF bodies.

10. Loss of SRF membership:

Factions or members may lose their SRF membership for any of the following reasons:

- i. Termination of membership in the SRF.
- ii. Failure to meet any of the requirements described in article (7).
- iii. Loss of legal capacity.
- iv. By a Council decision in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Chapter IV

The SRF Leadership Structure

11. Structure:

The SRF structure of leadership shall be composed of:

- i. The Leadership Council
- ii. The Chief
- iii. The Deputy Chiefs / Heads of Sectors
- iv. The Secretariats
- v. The Head of the Joint Forces Committee
- vi. The rest of the Council members

12. The Leadership Council:

a. Composition:

The Leadership Council shall be composed of:

- i. Four members of each constituent faction of the SRF, including the head of the faction.
- ii. Any member that the Council resolves to grant membership to.
- iii. The Council shall observe a female quota of no less than 25% of its members.

b. Functions:

The Council shall assume the following functions and responsibilities:

- i. Exercise legislative, executive and control powers over SRF bodies, including approving and amending the Statute and promulgating and ratifying the laws and regulations that govern the activities of the different SRF bodies.
- ii. Elect a chief periodically
- iii. Elect the deputy chiefs.
- iv. Put down policies and devise SRF plans and programs.
- v. Elect the head of the SRF Joint Forces Committee.
- vi. Elect secretaries of secretariats.
- vii. Approve performance reports.
- viii. Oversee SRF bodies and hold them to account as per applicable laws and regulations.
- ix. Ratify conventions.
- x. Approve the nominations of SRF bodies to fill vacancies.
- xi. Solicit financial and political support.
- xii. Declare political, military and popular mobilization.
- xiii. Establish a legal affairs body.

- xiv. Set up special commissions, institutions and entities to perform specialized functions.
 - xv. Form ad hoc committees to perform specific functions and oversee the same.
 - xvi. Appoint the SRF internal review officials who shall administratively report to the Council.
 - xvii. Examine review reports and take appropriate measures accordingly.
- c. Meetings:
The Council shall convene periodically, every three months, and may hold extraordinary meetings by convocation of its president or upon the request of two-thirds of its members.
- d. Quorum: Quorum is duly established for holding Council meetings if (50% + 1) of its members are in attendance, provided that all factions are represented.
- e. Decisions: Council decisions are taken by consensus.
- f. Mandate: The mandate of the Council expires one year after its formation.
- g. One month prior to the expiry of the Council's mandate, the president shall convoke all the leaders of the SRF constituent factions to discuss the process and date of selecting the new members of the Council.

13. The Chief:

- a. Election: The Council elects its Chief by consensus. The Chief of the Council shall also be the Chief of the SRF.
- b. Duties: The Chief of the SRF shall assume the following duties and responsibilities:
 - i. Chairs the Council and signs all correspondence.
 - ii. Represents the SRF at all events.
 - iii. Signs all legislations approved by the Council.
 - iv. Is responsible for the implementation of policies and plans approved by the Council.
 - v. Supervises, guides and monitors all SRF bodies, whether political, executive or military.
 - vi. Chooses delegations in consultation with his deputies.
 - vii. Forms ad hoc committees in consultation with his deputies.
 - viii. Undertakes all other duties assigned to him by the Council.

- c. Vacancy of the Chief position: The Chief position shall be assumed vacant for any of the following reasons:
 - i. Expiry of the Council's mandate.
 - ii. Termination of the SRF membership of the faction that the Chief belongs to.
 - iii. Loss of legal capacity.
 - iv. Death.
 - v. Acceptance of resignation.
- d. When the Chief position becomes vacant, the Council shall convene to select an interim chief pending the election of a new chief from the same faction as the former chief, within thirty days of the vacancy.

14. Deputy Chiefs:

- a. Election of deputies: The Council shall elect deputy chiefs by consensus.
- b. Duties: Each of the deputy chiefs shall assume the following duties and responsibilities:
 - i. Heading the Sector.
 - ii. Overseeing the implementation of the Sector's policies and plans.
 - iii. Preparing Sector performance reports.
- c. Vacancy of the Deputy Chief position: The position of Deputy Chief shall be assumed vacant for any of the reasons established in article 13/c above.
- d. When a Deputy Chief position becomes vacant, the Chief shall convoke the Council to select a new deputy chief within thirty days of the vacancy.

15. Sectors: The SRF shall have three or more Sectors, as listed below:

- i. The Sector of Foreign Relations, Information and Humanitarian Affairs, composed of:
 - a. Foreign Relations Secretariat
 - b. Information Secretariat and official spokesperson
 - c. Humanitarian Affairs Secretariat
- ii. The Sector of Political, Mobilization, Organizational and Segments Affairs, composed of:
 - a. Political and Mobilization Affairs Secretariat
 - b. Segments Affairs Secretariat

- c. Organizational Affairs Secretariat
- iii. The Sector of Financial, Administrative, Legal and Human Rights Affairs, composed of:
 - a. Financial Affairs Secretariat
 - b. Administrative Affairs Secretariat
 - c. Legal Affairs and Human Rights Secretariat
- iv. Secretariats shall be composed of qualified specialized members, if possible, of SRF constituent factions and the rest of the members.

16. The Joint Forces Committee:

The Council shall establish a joint forces committee whose duties and modus operandi shall be determined by applicable laws and regulations. The head of the joint forces committee shall be a member of the Leadership Council and shall be responsible before the Council for the discharge of the committee's duties.

17. The Council shall establish an independent legal affairs committee whose duties, formation and functions shall be determined by applicable laws and regulations.

Chapter V Financial Provisions

18. Financial Resources:

The SRF's financial resources shall be comprised of the following:

- i. Members subscriptions
- ii. Contributions, grants and donations that are in line with regulations.
- iii. Returns on SRF projects.
- iv. Funds borrowed with the prior approval of the Council.
- v. All other funding sources approved by the Council.

19. Accounting:

- i. The Financial Affairs Secretariat shall maintain accurate and updated accounts of revenues and expenditures and keep records of resources and expenditures in accordance with recognized accounting and bookkeeping principles and standards and the relevant provisions of financial regulations.

- ii. The SRF's funds shall be deposited at an accredited bank. Transactions and withdrawals shall be made in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

20. Budget and financial plan:

- i. The Sector of Financial, Administrative, Legal and Human Rights Affairs shall develop the SRF annual financial plan and budget, including revenues and expenses, which shall be endorsed by the Council as per the laws and regulations issued by virtue of the provisions of the present statute.

21. Auditing: The SRF's accounts shall be audited annually by an accredited auditor and presented to the Council for approval.

Chapter VI

General Provisions

22. The following criteria shall be considered in the organizational composition and structure of the SRF:

- i. Competence, experience and specialized qualification to perform assigned duties.
- ii. Female representation across all levels at a ratio of no less than 25%.

23. Resolutions, decisions and orders issued by the upper-level bodies of the SRF shall supersede those made by the lower-level bodies, while giving due consideration to jurisdictions of and coordination between the different bodies.

24. The SRF shall be endowed with a flag, anthem, logo and national commemoration day to be determined by the Council.

25. All laws and regulations issued by SRF bodies shall be aligned and consistent with the provisions set forth in the present statute.

26. In case of conflict between the provisions of the present statute and any laws or regulations issued by virtue thereof, the provisions of the statute shall prevail insofar as the conflict is resolved.

27. The Council may amend the provisions of the present statute through consensus by convening a special meeting.
28. The SRF may only be dissolved by virtue of a law passed by the Council through consensus.
29. The Geneva Conventions of 1949 and its additional protocols, as well as the rules of the International Humanitarian Law, shall constitute an integral part of the present statute.
30. The SRF oath of office shall read as follows:
I/...(full name), (do hereby swear, in the name of God, the Almighty, and His sacred/holy Book/sacred teachings, to perform my duties solemnly, with utmost diligence, dedication and loyalty, to serve the best interest of the SRF. I pledge to abide by the front's political manifesto, statute, laws and regulations and respect all its legislations, general principles and institutions. I vow to be above all ethnic, tribal or personal interests, support competent and trustworthy individuals, keep the secrets of the front, and promise to perform all functions and duties entrusted to me in accordance with the statute, applicable laws and regulations, as God is my witness.)
31. The present statute shall be adopted by consensus.

Certificate of issuance

The Leadership Council of the Sudan Revolutionary Front hereby certifies that it has approved the Statute of the Sudan Revolutionary Front of 2012 during its meeting held on the 30th of May 2012.

Signature.....

Lieutenant General / Malek Agar Eyre

Chief of the Leadership Council of the Sudan Revolutionary Front