

Press Release

1. On the 21th of March 2016, the government of the Sudan signed the Road Map Agreement proposed by the African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP). The agreement aims to resolve the deadlocks, facilitate the negotiations and accelerate the peace process. The Road-Map Agreement includes, enteralia urgent resumption of the negotiations, agreement regarding a cession of hostilities leading to a permanent ceasefire, provision of immediate humanitarian assistance, conclusion of peace agreement with respect to the two areas and Darfaur, this is beside the facilitation of the discussion of political matters, that are of national nature, within the context of the inclusive national dialogue.
2. This Road-Map is the out-come of many rounds of negotiations under the auspices of the (AUHIP), the last of which was held in Adiss-Ababa, between 18-21 March 2016. The government of the Sudan participated with a high delegation headed by Mr. Ibahim Hamid Mohamoud, Assistant to the president. Invitations were also extended to opposition parties, and rebel movements, which included Justice and equality movement (JEM), Sudan Liberation Movement/Army-Mini Minawi, Sudan people liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) and the National Umma Party (NUP).
3. It is regrettable and disappointing that in spite of the many practical and positive steps undertaken by the government of the Sudan, the rebel armed movements and Umma Party refused to sign this Road-Map Agreement, which represents a constructive and practical step towards peace. By taken this positive step the government of the Sudan confirms once again its willingness and readiness to continue its endeavors to achieve a lasting and durable peace in the country, in spite of the impediments made by the opposition and the rebel armed groups.

The government of the Sudan, mindful of the fact that negotiations and dialogue represent the most appropriate tool to achieve, peace, justice and development, urges the International Community, stakeholders, and all states that defend the principles of peace and justice to assume their full responsibilities and exert the necessary efforts to make the opposition parties and the armed rebel movements signed the Road Map Agreement, and join this generous opportunity to realize a lasting peace for the population of the Sudan.