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MEDIA NOTE

Joint Statement on the National Dialogue in Sudan

The text of the following statement was issued jointly by the Governments of Norway, the United States of America and the United Kingdom,.

The members of the Troika (the United States, the United Kingdom, and Norway) continue to support a process of National Dialogue in Sudan. A comprehensive and inclusive National Dialogue remains the best opportunity to achieve a representative political system, and to confront fundamental issues of governance, political inclusiveness, resource sharing, identity, and social equality. A genuine dialogue also remains the political process through which to negotiate—and ensure—a credible and broadly participatory national election.

To this end, we welcome recent pledges by the Government of Sudan and Sudanese opposition and civil society groups of their readiness to participate in a “pre-dialogue” meeting without conditions. We furthermore welcome the convening of this “pre-dialogue” on 30-31 March, under the auspices of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel. The “pre-dialogue” offers a forum through which Sudanese representatives from government, political parties, opposition groups, and civil society can together determine the structure, objectives, and timeline for a National Dialogue. We believe this common understanding of the process and the desired goals will invite broad participation and offer the best chance for success.

We again encourage the political leadership to ensure the time and to create an environment necessary to deliver on their promise of a genuine, holistic, and truly inclusive dialogue. We will continue to follow the process closely, and stand ready to work with those who seek to advance meaningful reforms that can bring about peace and stability for all the people of Sudan.

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