

Security Council Recognizes Results of Sudan Referendum

Press Statement

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The following Security Council press statement was issued on 18 January by Council President Ivan Barbić (Bosnia and Herzegovina): (...)

(...)The members of the Security Council welcome the conclusion of a largely peaceful and orderly voting period for the Southern Sudan referendum, and strongly support timely and transparent Popular Consultations in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile States. They commend the leadership shown by the parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), and the work of the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC) and the Southern Sudan Referendum Bureau for this important step towards full implementation of the CPA, and congratulate the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) for the support that it has provided. (...)

(...) The members of the Council deplore the violence that occurred in Abyei during the polling period. The members reiterate their deep concern about the absence of an agreement on Abyei. They stress the utmost importance of continued implementation of the CPA and urge the parties to reach quickly an agreement on Abyei and other critical issues, including border demarcation, security arrangements, citizenship, debts, assets, currency and natural resource arrangements.(...)

(...)The members of the Council underline the need for the CPA parties to promote calm, including by providing immediate and ongoing reassurance to people of all nationalities in Sudan, including southerners in the North and northerners in the South, that their rights, safety and property will continue to be respected. They urge the CPA parties to respect their obligations.(...)

(...)The members of the Security Council reaffirm support for the African Union-United Nations-led peace process for Darfur, hosted by the Government of Qatar and urge all groups to join the process without further delay or preconditions.

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