

PRESS RELEASE

Within the framework of the good offices of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar and his brother leader Muamer Al-Gadhafi, leader of the revolution in the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chairman of the African Union, concerning the normalization of relations between the Republic of Chad and Republic of Sudan, and the consolidation of the relations between them,

Pursuant to what has been agreed upon between the two countries in the previous agreements, concluded between them,

And in order to create an atmosphere of confidence and appropriate conditions to the convening of the Tripoli Summit in Libya between the Presidents of the two countries,

With the participation of H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, and in the presence of H.E. Mr. Mousa Mohamed Kousa, the Secretary General of the People's General Committee for Foreign Communication and International Cooperation in the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and H.E. Mr. Ahmed bin Abdulla Al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Member of the Cabinet of the State of Qatar,

Met in Doha, in the period 29th April - 3rd May 2009, a delegation from the Republic of Chad, led by H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mohamed, Minister of Foreign Relations with a delegation from the Republic of Sudan, led by H.E. Mr. Al-Tijani Saleh Fidail, Minister of International Cooperation .

During the meeting, a spirit of confidence and reconciliation prevailed. The two sides discussed the items on the Agenda in a constructive manner, which was conducive to reaching an agreement that is likely to place the relations between the two countries on its proper track. The two parties pledged to expedite implementing what they had agreed on in the past agreements concluded between them with a view to restoring the climate of confidence and good-neighborliness.

The two parties affirmed their determination to abstain from interfering in the internal affairs of each other and from the use or threatening of the use of force in their mutual relations.

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Seeing that the absence of effective enforcement mechanisms has precluded the implementation of what was agreed upon in the past, the two parties agreed to reactivate the mechanism provided for in Dakar Accord of 2008, by requesting the Contact Group, emanating from the foregoing Accord to meet in an emergency manner to adopt and execute a plan of action on the completion of immediate deployment of monitors and joint protection forces . The two parties recommend that the State of Qatar be added to the Contact Group due to its effective efforts aimed at the realization of peace in the region . They also advise the States sponsoring the present Agreement to exert their efforts for the prompt securing of financial and logistic support in order to facilitate the implementation of monitors' and protection forces' mission .

The two parties also affirmed their commitment to halt the hostile media campaigns and to encourage positive media discourse conducive to reinforcing bonds of fraternity and reconciliation.

The two parties agreed to hold a summit between the Presidents of the two countries in Tripoli the date of which is to be agreed upon by the parties and the mediation.

The two parties have expressed their appreciation of the efforts made by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani and brother leader Muamer Al-Gadhafi and their role in the efforts aimed at the normalization of relations between the two sisterly countries.

The Two parties have also expressed their appreciation of the efforts exerted by the State of Qatar in hosting this meeting, which resulted in the issuance of this Agreement.

The ceremony of signature of the Agreement between the two countries has been attended by their excellencies members of the committee which has been set up by the African Union - known as the Committee of the Wise Men of Africa - in order to follow-up the question of Darfur region in Sudan .