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I have the honour to transmit herewith the report and resolutions of the seventh meeting of the Joint Border Commission between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan, held in Juba on 11 and 12 February 2019 (see annex I), as well as the report of the ninth meeting of the Joint Demarcation Committee, held in Khartoum from 23 to 25 February 2019 (see annex II).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex I to the letter dated 7 March 2019 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Report and resolutions of the seventh meeting of the Joint
Border Commission**

Juba, Republic of South Sudan

11 and 12 February 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Joint Border Commission (JBC) of the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of the Sudan held its Seventh (7th) Session from 11th–12th February, 2019, in Juba, Republic of South Sudan. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, Co-Chair of South Sudan and the Chair of the 7th Session of the JBC Meeting headed the South Sudanese delegation, while Hon. Dr. Muaz Ahmed Mohamed Tungo headed the Sudanese delegation.

1.2 Official representatives from the African Union (AU) in attendance were: Mr. Mashood Issaka and Ms. Safia Mohamed Yonis.

2. PRESENT

2.1 The list of the Sudanese and South Sudanese delegations that attended the Seventh Session of the Joint Border Commission (JBC) are:

2.1.1 South Sudan Delegation:

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| 1. | Hon. Michael Makuei Lueith | Co-Chair |
| 2. | Hon. Dr. Wek Mamer Kuol | D/Co-chair |
| 3. | Dr. Gabriel Isaac Awow | JBC Member |
| 4. | Dr. James Janthana Bango Tukari | JBC Member |
| 5. | Eng. Oliver Marco Remego, | JBC Member |
| 6. | Mr. William Lochi M. Lobitomoi, | JBC Secretariat |
| 7. | Amb. Darius Garang Wol | JDC Co-chair |
| 8. | Prof. Joshua Otor Akol, | JDC Member |
| 9. | Eng. James Laa Ajarial Dengmaker, | JDC Member |
| 10. | Eng. Ruai Mabil Lul | JDC Member |

2.1.2 The Sudan Delegation:

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| 1. | Hon. Dr. Muaz Ahmed Mohamed Tungo | Co-chair |
| 2. | Mr. Adam Musa Mohamed Ahmed | JBC Member |
| 3. | Gen. Hozafa Abdel Malik Ahmed El Shiekh | JBC Member |

4.	Col. Eng. Mohamed Babikir Abdebagi Tairab	JBC Member
5.	Amb. Awad El Karim El Rayah	JBC Member
6.	Mr. Abu Talib El Shiekh ElNour	JBC Member
7.	Maj. Gen. ElAmin Mohamed Banaga	JDC Co-Chair
8.	Mr. Salman Gadim Adam	Secretariat
9.	Mr. Fadl El Moula	Secretariat
10.	Mr. Muntasir Ibrahim Suliman	Secretariat

3. Meeting Agenda

3.1 The below agenda was adopted by the Seventh Meeting of the JBC:

- (a) Opening Session of the 7th Meeting of the JBC;
- (b) Presentation of the Report of the 8th Meeting of the JDC by the Co-Chairs;
- (c) Discussion of the JDC Report by the JBC;
- (d) Date and Venue of the next JDC and JBC meetings;
- (e) Any Other Business (AOB)
- (f) Adoption of the JBC Report and resolutions.
- (g) Closing of the 7th Session of the JBC

4. Presentation of Report of the 8th Meeting of the JDC

4.1 A presentation was made on the outcome of the 8th Session of the JDC held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10th–12th September, 2018. It was reported that JDC made enormous progress of work during its 8th Session.

4.2 Furthermore, it was reported that the objective of the 8th Session of the JDC was to implement the directives of the Joint Border Commission (JBC) which tasked the JDC to ***“Submit to the JBC, a Complete and Comprehensive Work on the Boundary Line Delimitation Document, taking into account the partial work of Ad-hoc Committee based on the provisions of Article 5(1) of the Border Issues Agreement” (BIA).***

4.3 However, it was reported that the parties could not sign or initial the report of their meeting because of different views and understanding of the directives of the JBC by the Sudan and South Sudan as highlighted in paragraph 4.4 and 4.5 below.

4.4 It was reported that the understanding of South Sudan during the meeting was that the detailed description of the entire boundary line from the tri-junction point of Central Africa, the Sudan and South Sudan up to the tri-junction point of Ethiopia, the Sudan and South Sudan implies that the directives to the JDC was to include in their report ***Agreed Areas, Disputed Areas and Claimed Areas*** – South Sudan rationale was that their understanding is in conformity with the directives of the JBC to provide “complete and comprehensive work”

4.5 It was reported that the understanding of the Sudan during the meeting was that the detailed description of the entire boundary line from the tri-junction point of the Central Africa, the Sudan and South Sudan up to the tri-junction point of Ethiopia,

the Sudan and South Sudan should only include *Agreed Areas and Disputed Areas* and not the *Claimed Areas* – the Sudan rationale for this position is highlighted in 4.5.1 to 4.5.3 below:

4.5.1 The JBC and JDC are both mandated by the BIA only to demarcate the agreed boundary line. Therefore, they have nothing to do with either DISPUTED or CLAIMED areas.

4.5.2 The matrix of the Cooperation Agreement set the following sequence for the disposal of the issues:

- (a) To demarcate the agreed boundary line;
- (b) To address the issue of the Disputed Areas; and
- (c) To address the issue of the Claimed Areas.

4.5.3 According to the matrix of the Cooperation Agreement, and the outcome of the Summits of 2012 and 2013, the authority to dispose the issue of the CLAIMED AREAS is exclusively for the two Presidents.

5. Resolutions of the Meeting

5.1 After deliberating on the report of the 8th Session of the JDC, the JBC resolved the following:

5.1.1 Directs the JDC to prepare and demarcate the agreed sections of the boundary line between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan.

5.1.2 Directs the JDC to prepare and submit to the JBC complete and detailed description of the boundary line on the Agreed, Disagreed and Claimed Areas; and

5.1.3 Decides that the discussion and operationalization of the report of the JDC shall be in accordance with the Agreement of the two Presidents on sequence of resolving the issues of the Agreed, Disputed and Claimed Areas during the Summit held in 2013, in Addis Ababa, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

6. Date and Venue of the next JDC and JBC meetings

6.1 The meeting decided to convene two meetings of the JDC as follows:

6.1.1 First meeting to be held from **23rd to 25th February, 2019** in Khartoum.

6.1.2 Second meeting to be held from **6th to 8th March, 2019** in Juba.

6.2 The next meeting of the JBC to be held from **12th to 14th March, 2019**, with attendance of the JDC Co-Chairs and two other members of the JDC, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

6.3 The JBC request the African Union Border Programme (AUBP) to support and facilitate the meeting in 6.2 above.

Done in Juba, the Republic of South Sudan, on this **12th Day of February 2019**

Hon. Dr. Muaz Ahmed Mohamed Tungo

JBC Co-chair

Government of the Republic of the Sudan

Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth

JBC Co-chair

Government of the Republic of South Sudan

Mr. Mashood Issaka

Senior Political Officer

AU Mission in South Sudan

**Annex II to the letter dated 7 March 2019 from the Chargé
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Report of the ninth meeting of the Joint Demarcation Committee

Coral Hotel

Khartoum, Sudan

23 to 25 February 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

The Joint Demarcation Committee (JDC) between the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of the Sudan commenced its ninth meeting from 23rd to 25th February 2019, in Coral Hotel in the Republic of the Sudan in accordance with the Resolution No. (5.1.1) of the Seventh Meeting of the Joint Border Commission (JBC) held in Juba, South Sudan from 11th to 12th February 2019.

Officials at the opening session of the Ninth meeting of the (JDC) were:

1. Hon. Dr. Muaz Ahmed Tungo, Sudan Co-Chair of (JBC) and Head of Sudan National Boundary Commission.
2. Mr. Dut Gabriel representative of the Embassy of The Republic of South Sudan in Khartoum.
3. Amb. Awadelkarim Elrayah Balla, Director of South Sudan Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Republic of Sudan.

2. ATTENDANCE:

The following JDC members attended the meeting:

Sudan Delegation:

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| 1. Maj. Gen. Eng. Elamin M. Banaga | Co-Chair of JDC |
| 2. Prof. Abdalla El Sadiq Ali | Member |
| 3. Eng. Elsadiq Suliman | Member |
| 4. Mr. Salman Gadim Adam | Member |
| 5. Mr. Mohamed Yousif Mohamed | Member |
| 6. Dr. Osman Abd Alwahab Osman | Member |
| 7. Mr. Fadl Almula Abdala Ahmed | Secretary |
| 8. Mr. Muaz Mohamed Alamin | Consultant |
| 9. Mr. Mohamed Fadul Mohamed | Secretary |
| 10. Ms. Badr Aldoga Khalifa Ali | Secretary |
| 11. Mr. Sami Alhaj Mohammed | Secretary |

South Sudan Delegation:

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| 1. | Amb. Darius Garang Wol Mabior | Co-Chair of JDC |
| 2. | Prof. Joshua Otor Akol | Deputy Co-Chair |
| 3. | Eng. James Laa Ajarial | Member |
| 4. | Eng. Ruai Mabil Lul | Member |
| 5. | Eng. Alfred Wani Philip | Member |
| 6. | Mr. Emmanuel Yango Aban | Secretary |

3. OPENING REMARKS:

- 3.1 Remarks were made by Maj. Gen. Eng. Elamin M. Banaga, the JDC Sudan Co Chair.
- 3.2 Remarks were also made by Amb. Darius Garang Wol, South Sudan Co-Chair.
- 3.3 Remarks were made by Hon. Dr. Muaz Ahmed Mohamed Tungo Sudan (JBC) Co-Chair and head of the Sudan National Boundary Commission.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda below was adopted in the 9th JDC meeting:

Agenda Items

- 4.1 Preparation and demarcation of the agreed sections of the boundary line between the Republics of The Sudan and The South Sudan.
- 4.2 Any other Business (AOB).

In addition to the agenda outlined above, the JDC adopted the three-day detailed programme for the meeting from 23rd to 25th February 2019.

5. MEETING OUTCOMES:

- 5.1 The JDC managed to prepare a draft budget for the agreed line with reconnaissance in the eastern sector (attached).
- 5.2 Due to the time factor the JDC was not able to finalize the budget.

6. PENDING ISSUES:

- 6.1 Finalization of the budget.
- 6.2 Preparation of the budget of the agreed line without reconnaissance.
- 6.3 Preparation of the work plan of the agreed boundary line section.
- 6.4 The (JDC) will continue working on the Agenda in the coming meeting and also will continue on the directives No 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 as directed in the seventh (JBC) meeting held in Juba 11th–12th February 2019

6.5 The next meeting will take place in Juba from 6th to 8th March 2019.

Initially signed in Coral Hotel,

Khartoum, Sudan on 25th Day of February 2019

Maj. Gen. Eng. Elamin Mohamed Banaga

Co-chair

Joint Demarcation Committee (JDC)

Government of Republic of the Sudan

Amb. Darios Garang Wol Mabior

Co-chair

Joint Demarcation Committee (JDC)

Government of Republic of South Sudan
