

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and
the Sudanese Ministry of Energy and Mining
regarding cooperation within the Petroleum Sector**

WHEREAS the Government of Norway is committed to support the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) signed 9 January 2005, and

WHEREAS the Sudanese Ministry of Energy and Mining (MEM) has requested Norway for support within the Petroleum Sector, and

WHEREAS the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has decided to comply with these requests,

WHEREAS through section 3.2 et seq. of Chapter III (Wealth Sharing Agreement) of the CPA and also through both Interim Constitutions the National Petroleum Commission has been set up based on balanced representation and consensus decision making; charged inter alia according to section 3.4 of Chapter III of the CPA to formulate public policies for the sustainable development and management of the petroleum sector,

WHEREAS according to section 2.5.6 of Chapter II of the CPA the Government of National Unity shall be responsible for the administration and functioning of the State and the formulation and implementation of national policies in accordance with the Interim National Constitution, 2005,

NOW THEREFORE the Participants have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph I Scope and objectives

The objective of the cooperation is to support the efficient and environmentally sustainable development of petroleum resources in Sudan on the basis of good governance, transparency and respect for human rights and with the aim of avoiding corruption. Norwegian assistance will take place on the national level as well as towards the Government of Southern Sudan in conformity with the objectives of the CPA.

MFA plans to make available Norwegian experts as required in order to conduct the projects accepted under this Memorandum (ref. list of potential project areas listed below).

MEM will ensure that all accepted projects under this Memorandum can be carried out in an efficient manner and will issue necessary approvals and make all relevant information available to the project teams.

Joint project teams will be established for all projects accepted under this Memorandum. MEM and MFA will make available competent personnel for active participation in these projects as required.

The focus of the cooperation will be on making the Sudanese petroleum administration, including institutions such as the Sudanese Petroleum Corporation, more efficient and thereby achieve a more efficient and environmentally sustainable petroleum industry. The work should include evaluations of existing frame conditions for the petroleum sector including policies, laws, rules and regulations.

Examples of areas to be covered are:

- Resource management
- Financial Management
- Safety and Environment Management
- Support to the National Petroleum Commission
- Gas development
- Offshore developments
- Capacity building and technology transfer
- Advisory services

Paragraph II Cooperation

The Participants shall communicate and cooperate fully with the aim to ensure that the objectives of this Memorandum are successfully achieved.

Paragraph III Duration and termination

This Memorandum will come into effect on the 15th October and will remain in operation for a period of five years. Either Participant may however at any time terminate the Memorandum upon three months written notice.

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