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PRESS RELEASE

National Dialogue Leads to Fundamental Changes in the Sudan

Speaker of the Parliament, Professor Ibraheim Ahmed Omer, announced on Sunday 23rd October, that the Parliament has received the proposed constitutional amendments agreed upon as part of the 'National Dialogue Process'.

The inclusive Sudanese National Dialogue which was launched on 10th October 2015 in Khartoum is now over. The marathon deliberations to which observers and diplomats were invited culminated in recommendations that will revolutionize most aspects of life in the country.

The Parliament will start deliberating on these amendments very soon as part of the due process to enshrine them in the Constitution. A transitional 'National Reconciliation Government' will be formed to cater for the implementation of all the agreed upon recommendations, which cover areas of governance and peace; freedoms and human rights; identity of the country; economic policies and foreign relations. Amongst the proposed constitutional amendments is the creation of a Prime Minister office in the government who deals with executive affairs. While "Sudanism" was emphasized as an all-embracing attribute that signifies the unity of all diverse constituents of the Sudan, it has been agreed that Sudan, as enshrined in 2005 Interim Constitution, is a multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-lingual country.

The recommendations of the National Dialogue process, contained in the "National Document" which was signed by the participating parties and forces and submitted to the President of the Republic, Omer Al-Bashir on the 10th October 2016, represents the outcome of deep, inclusive and detailed

discussions and deliberations spanned over almost a whole year with the participation of 89 political parties and 36 armed movements.

Implementation of the recommendations of the National Dialogue is expected to usher in an era of peace and security in Sudan, and to dramatically alter the whole political landscape.

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