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## **Sudan Facilitates Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to South Sudan**

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs appreciates the joint statement by the Troika countries on 6th March, in which the three countries; Norway, UK and USA, welcomed Sudanese Government opening of border crossings with South Sudan for delivery of humanitarian assistance to the needy people in South Sudan. The statement appreciated further hosting of over 360.000 South Sudanese refugees in Sudan, and the decision of Sudan Government to donate food assistance from its food reserves to South Sudan. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to reiterate the Government of Sudan's moral commitment to the welfare and stability of the brotherly South Sudanese people and reaffirms the determination to persist in its efforts in the interest of achieving security and stability in South Sudan.

### **The Spokesperson, Khartoum**

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Below is the Troika's statement of 6th April 2017:

Troika welcomes the opening of a border crossing from Sudan to South Sudan to allow humanitarian food assistance to reach areas suffering from famine and severe food insecurity.

The members of the Troika (Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States) welcome the Government of Sudan's opening of the border crossing into Bentiu, in South Sudan, for the delivery of humanitarian food assistance to areas gravely affected by the conflict and suffering from famine and severe food insecurity. This border crossing will allow for a second access route for emergency food assistance, along with the already open Kosti - Renk river corridor. The Troika also recognizes the Government of Sudan's efforts to facilitate the flow of food assistance through Port Sudan.

The Troika notes Sudan has accepted over 365,000 South Sudanese refugees, including more than 60,000 South Sudanese who have entered Sudan in the first three months of 2017, and encourages the government to ensure continued humanitarian access to these refugee communities. The Troika also welcomes the Sudanese government's decision to donate food from their own food reserves to people in need in South Sudan.

The Troika calls on the Government of South Sudan to coordinate with the World Food Program and partners providing vital assistance. The Troika urges the government and all armed groups to allow full and safe humanitarian access to reach communities in need, and to ensure that food and other commodities are not diverted from the intended beneficiaries.

The Troika recommends the opening of additional land and water routes between Sudan and South Sudan so that communities in both countries can benefit from open trade and the efficient and swift movement of humanitarian goods and personnel.