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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and its presidential statements on the situation in Sudan and South Sudan, including resolution 1990 (2011), by which the Security Council established the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA),

Reaffirming its commitment to the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity; and to peace, stability and security throughout the region,

Commending the assistance provided to the parties by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel and its Chair President Thabo Mbeki, Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General Haile Menkerios, and Head of Mission for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) Lieutenant General Tadesse Werede Tesfay,

Welcoming the 29 June Agreement between the Government of the Sudan and the Government of Southern Sudan on Border Security and the Joint Political and Security Mechanism, *taking note* of the commitment in paragraph 2 to create a safe demilitarized border zone (SDBZ) and *further taking note* of the request for assistance from the United Nations to provide external support for monitoring and verification in the SDBZ,

Welcoming the 30 July Agreement on the Border Monitoring Support Mission between the Government of Sudan and the Government of South Sudan, which elaborates on the establishment of a Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) with an area of responsibility corresponding to the SDBZ, and a Joint Political and Security Mechanism (JPSM), and *taking note of* the request by the parties for the assistance of the United Nations to support the operational activities of the JBVMM,

Underlining the importance of building mutual trust, confidence and an environment which encourages long-term stability and economic development,

Recognizing the urgent need for Sudan and South Sudan to commence the process of border normalization, and recognizing further that the situation along the



border between Sudan and South Sudan constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Decides* that in addition to the tasks set out in paragraph 2 of resolution 1990, UNISFA's mandate shall include the following additional tasks in support of the JBVMM; these additional tasks shall be carried out by UNISFA within its authorized capabilities and within an expanded operational area to include the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone, JBVMM headquarters, sector headquarters and team sites:

(a) Assist the parties in ensuring the observance within the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone of the security commitments agreed upon by them in the above-mentioned 29 June and 30 July Agreements;

(b) Support the operational activities of the JBVMM, including its sectors and teams, in undertaking verifications, investigations, monitoring, arbitrations, liaison coordinating, reporting, information exchange, patrols, and by providing security as appropriate;

(c) Assist and advise the JBVMM in its overall coordination of planning monitoring and verification of the implementation of the Joint Position Paper on Border Security of 30 May 2011;

(d) Assist the JBVMM to maintain the necessary chart, geographical and mapping references, which shall be used for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of paragraph 2 of the Agreement on Border Security and the Joint Political and Security Mechanism of 29 June 2011;

(e) Facilitate liaison between the parties;

(f) Support the parties, when requested, in developing effective bilateral management mechanisms along the border;

(g) Assist in building mutual trust;

2. *Requests* the Governments of South Sudan and Sudan to implement fully their commitments under the above referenced 29 June and 30 July Agreements;

3. *Calls on* all Member States, in particular Sudan and South Sudan, to ensure the free, unhindered and expeditious movement to and from Abyei and throughout the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone of all personnel, as well as equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods, including vehicles, aircraft and spare parts, which are for the exclusive and official use of UNISFA;

4. *Urges* the Government of Sudan and the Government of South Sudan to cooperate fully with each other and provide full support to UNISFA, enabling it to implement fully its mandate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council informed of progress in implementing the additional tasks listed in paragraph 1 of this resolution in his regular reports to the Council on the implementation of the UNISFA mandate, to bring to the Council's immediate attention any serious violations of the above referenced agreements, and to look for and implement ways to strengthen inter-mission cooperation within the region;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.