

**Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the
Republic of Sudan's Neighboring
Countries**

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

Upon the invitation of Mr. MAHAMAT SALEH ANNADIF, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation, the first meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Sudan's neighboring countries was held on the 7th of August 2023 in N'Djamena, Republic of Chad.

Placed under the chairmanship of the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation of Chad, the meeting was convened pursuant to the decisions taken at the Summit of Heads of State of Sudan neighboring countries, held on July 13, 2023 in Cairo, Egypt.

Were present at this meeting:

H.E. Mr. SAMEH HASSAN SHOUKRY, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

H.E. Mrs. SYLVIE BAÏPO TEMON, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Francophonie and Central Africans Abroad;

H.E. Mr. DENG DAU GENG MALEK, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan;

H.E. Mr. MAHAMAT SALEH ANNADIF, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation;

H.E. Mr. FATHALLAH ABDEL-LATIF AL-ZINI, Special Delegate for the Government of National unity of the State of Libya;

H.E. Ambassador NEBIAT GETACHEW ASSEGID, Ambassador of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Republic of Chad.

The African Union and the League of Arab States attended also the Meeting.

The Foreign Ministers reviewed the current situation in Sudan and its effects on each of the neighboring countries and have:

1. stressed the importance of complementarity and effective coordination between the initiatives of the African Union, IGAD and Sudan's neighboring countries.
2. They welcomed the humanitarian response plan prepared by the United Nations and called on donor countries and organizations to speed up support for this plan, in particular by making up the shortfall, while drawing attention to the correlation with the vital needs of the populations in the host regions in terms of security and development;
3. The Ministers stressed the need to set up humanitarian warehouses in neighboring countries to ensure rapid transport of relief supplies and medical care for victims;
4. The Ministers stressed the need to keep the humanitarian corridors open in the name of the universal principle of assistance to people in danger and called on the parties to the conflict in Sudan to facilitate assistance to the population in compliance with international humanitarian law.
5. They stressed the importance of direct and continuous contacts with the belligerents in order to identify the determinants for a lasting ceasefire, to end the destruction of innocent lives and infrastructures and to allow the functioning of health establishments and other basic services (water, food, electricity, banks, etc.);
6. The Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs has drawn up a plan of action, attached hereto and to be forwarded to the Heads of State and Government, to complement the existing mechanisms of the African Union and IGAD, which is in three (3) parts, namely the achievement of a definitive ceasefire, the organization of an inclusive inter-Sudanese dialogue and the management of humanitarian issues.

In conclusion The Ministers agreed to meet in New York at the margins of the next regular session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2023.

7. Finally, the Foreign Ministers unanimously expressed their deep gratitude to His Excellency the President of the Transition and to the Chadian authorities for their leadership, which had led to the success of the first meeting of the Committee of Foreign Ministers of Sudan's neighboring countries.

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The Meeting