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SUBJECT: Inauguration of the Liberal Party

A group of Southern members of the Sudan Parliament have decided to bring the Southern members who stand for an independent Sudan together in a new political party to be known as the Liberal Party. The announcement of the amalgamation of the Southern United Party, the Southern Political Association and Independent Southerners was made on December 29th by Sayed Stanislaus Abdullahi PAYSAMA, the president of the Southern Parliamentary Block. The declaration of the new party, which follows, was signed by 16 Members of the House of Representatives and 7 Senators:

Introductory "We Southern Members of Parliament have now united together for the good of the country in general and our Southern Constituencies in particular and intend to participate as one block so that we can and intend to participate as one block so that we can protect the legitimate interests of the people of the South without getting ourselves involved with sectarian interests. In view of the present political situation we stand firmly on the following principles and aims.

Independence. We believe in the full independence of the Sudan and we will work side by side with those in the North who share us this view. We recognise the need for a neighbourly relation with Egypt and with other countries. We are strongly opposed to any form of Union with Egypt or any foreign domination of the Sudan.

We believe in the right of the Sudanese to exercise self determination subject to Southernisation of the South.

We aim at development of the Sudan Educationally, Socially and Economically i.e. we will work for higher schools specially technical schools, improved veterinary services, expansion of trade, and improvement of communications with particular attention to the three Southern Provinces, Nuba Mountains, Fur, Pung and other backward areas.

Our immediate aim is to call upon all parties of the North and every individual who stands for independence of this country to work hand in hand with us.

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