DEED OF COMMITMENT UNDER GENEVA CALL
FOR ADHERENCE TO A TOTAL BAN ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES
AND FOR COOPERATION IN MINE ACTION

WE, THE SUDAN PEOPLE’S LIBERATION MOVEMENT - NORTH, through our duly authorized
representative(s),

Recognising the global scourge of anti-personnel mines which indiscriminately and inhumanely kill
and maim combatants and civilians, mostly innocent and defenceless people, especially women and
children, even after the armed conflict is over;

Realising that the limited military utility of anti-personnel mines is far outweighed by their appalling
humanitarian, socio-economic and environmental consequences, including on post-conflict
reconciliation and reconstruction;

Rejecting the notion that revolutionary ends or just causes justify inhumane means and methods of
warfare of a nature to cause unnecessary suffering;

Reaffirming our determination to protect the civilian population from the effects or dangers of
military actions, and to respect their rights to life, to human dignity, and to development;

Resolved to play our role not only as actors in armed conflicts but also as participants in the practice
and development of legal and normative standards for such conflicts, starting with a contribution to
the overall humanitarian effort to solve the global landmine problem for the sake of its victims;

Accepting that international humanitarian law and human rights apply to and oblige all parties to
armed conflicts;

Acknowledging the norm of a total ban on anti-personnel mines established by the 1997 Ottawa
Treaty, which is an important step toward the total eradication of landmines;

NOW, THEREFORE, hereby solemnly commit ourselves to the following terms:

1. TO ADHERE to a total ban on anti-personnel mines. By anti-personnel mines, we refer to
those devices which effectively explode by the presence, proximity or contact of a person,
including other victim-activated explosive devices and anti-vehicle mines with the same
effect whether with or without anti-handling devices. By total ban, we refer to a complete
prohibition on all use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and
transfer of such mines, under any circumstances. This includes an undertaking on the
destruction of all such mines.

2. TO COOPERATE IN AND UNDERTAKE stockpile destruction, mine clearance, victim assistance,
mine awareness, and various other forms of mine action, especially where these programs
are being implemented by independent international and national organizations.

3. TO ALLOW AND COOPERATE in the monitoring and verification of our commitment to a total
ban on anti-personnel mines by Geneva Call and other independent international and
national organizations associated for this purpose with Geneva Call. Such monitoring and
verification include visits and inspections in all areas where anti-personnel mines may be
present, and the provision of the necessary information and reports, as may be required for
such purposes in the spirit of transparency and accountability.

4. TO ISSUE the necessary orders and directives to our commanders and fighters for the
implementation and enforcement of our commitment under the foregoing paragraphs,
including measures for information dissemination and training, as well as disciplinary
sanctions in case of non-compliance.

5. TO TREAT this commitment as one step or part of a broader commitment in principle to the
ideal of humanitarian norms, particularly of international humanitarian law and human
rights, and to contribute to their respect in field practice as well as to the further
development of humanitarian norms for armed conflicts.

6. This Deed of Commitment shall not affect our legal status, pursuant to the relevant clause in

7. We understand that Geneva Call may publicize our compliance or non-compliance with this
Deed of Commitment.

8. We see the desirability of attracting the adherence of other armed groups to this Deed of
Commitment and will do our part to promote it.

9. This Deed of Commitment complements or supercedes, as the case may be, any existing
unilateral declaration of ours on anti-personnel mines.

10. This Deed of Commitment shall take effect immediately upon its signing and receipt by the
Government of the Republic and Canton of Geneva which receives it as the custodian of such
deeds and similar unilateral declarations.

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Done this 29 August 2013

FOR THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT - NORTH

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