

# News story: Troika statement on declaration of AU, IGAD and UN on South Sudan

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Joint statement from UK, US and Norway welcoming the joint declaration expressing concern about continued fighting and violence in South Sudan.

The UK, US and Norway have issued the following joint statement:

The members of the Troika (Norway, UK and US) welcome the 29 January joint declaration of the AU, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the UN, on South Sudan. It expressed deep concern about the continuing spread of fighting and the risk of inter-communal violence escalating into mass atrocities, and the dire humanitarian situation in the country. We too call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in South Sudan.

We applaud the declaration's call for a political solution emphasizing inclusivity and an active role for the AU High Representative toward ensuring that result. We echo the commitment of the AU, IGAD, and the UN to the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC), and to further strengthen and enhance international cooperation in support of the South Sudan peace process.

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