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These days witness a critical and important stage in the history of our country, that is because all are ready for the elections which comes this time, after repeated conflicts between the parties of the country, therefore efforts should be intensified to achieve a genuine democratic transition which protects our country from the evils rupture and war. Women have been a mainstay force of peace in all the previous stages, and will now also be an essential pillar of any future projects for sustainable peace, as they committed themselves to participate in anything that would safeguard their right to contribute to the nation. Road towards safety and democracy.

We women have been keen to incorporate the noble ideals and values in all the agreements and compacts between the fighting parties, to protect it against collapse under the weight of politics and tactics of transformation, this has made a 25% stake for women possible in drafting electoral law and which has increased women's political participation, we consider this share a clear right, and thus preserve and continue our efforts to raise the ceiling of expectations by increasing this percentage. Hence we require specific measures, the most important of is our concerted efforts as women and our belief in what we are working honestly for. Women united to achieve this right despite the differences among themselves and the varying of their political orientations, so we must all agree to write a Charter of honor to protect this achievement, and to regulate competition and cooperation among the candidates, which is necessity to create equal opportunities for women contestants in the electoral process.

We as Sudanese women representing the various forces of the North and South, civil society organizations, academicians and working women, came together and gathered under the umbrella of the Sudanese women empowerment for peace (SuWEP) on the nineteenth of February 2010 in the city of Khartoum, to abide strictly by the principles and laws and behavior which are included in this Charter, which we will handle

to all women voters and candidates, political parties and electoral institutions of the competent bodies and the media.

1 – 1st.Axis

The general principles and laws:

1-1 full compliance with the provisions of Sudan's election law, regulations and instructions issued, and the guidance and decisions of the Central Election Commission regarding the conduct of the electoral process.

1-2 to cooperate with legal authorities to ensure the security and safety of all election officers during the course of the electoral process.

1-3 full cooperation between the candidates of single list, lists of women, and those involved in elections during the electoral process.

1-4 to respect the role of local and international monitors and co-operate with them in the performance of their roles.

1-5 provide fair and equal opportunities for all candidates to exercise their electoral rights.

1-6 executives in the central government and the southern government need to move away and not to interfere in the affairs of the elections, and that is to ensure fairness and impartiality of the elections.

1-7 the obligation not to exercise any form of pressure, intimidation or slander or of atonement or purchase receivables or counterfeiting, or use violence against any of the candidates or any of the voters or women voters.

1-8 commitment to period of time for electoral propaganda specified by law.

1-9 the obligation not to carry weapons or use it during public meetings, rallies and all the events and other campaign activities.

1-10 exchange of visits and the establishment of workshops for rapprochement between the candidates.

1-11 training of representatives of candidates on rules of conduct inside the polling stations.

1-12 obligations to cooperate in providing training opportunities for women candidates.

1-13 co-operations for the existence of media specialized and friendly to

woman candidate.

1-14 emphasis on a national organ, to oversee the media which is committed to impartiality and fairness in the distribution of opportunities.

1-15 bound observers to report in cases where there is fraud, to the competent international monitors of elections.

1-16 Declaration and prompt reporting of any violations affecting the conduct of the electoral process, to the concerned parties internally and externally.

1-17 bind the competent authorities that there should be representatives of the candidates on the lists inside the centers.

1-18 not seeking in the electoral propaganda to what contains any incitement or defamation on other women candidates and to refrain from libel, slander and insults.

1-19 away from inciting or the exploitation of religious sentiments or sectarian or tribal or regional or family or racism among citizens.

1-20 Non-festivals and meetings near hospitals or public institutions or buildings and shops operated by the government, except for schools and universities which can be used by all candidates.

2 – 2nd. Axis:

Behavior:

2-1 listed women should distance themselves from any type or form of violence, verbal or physical or psychological, ascendancy in order to show their strength or power.

2-2 not to exploit poverty and ignorance of women to vote.

2-3 to accept the results and not to use violence in the case of victory or defeat.

2-4 commitment to the principle of secrecy, and the right of the voter in the selection of his list.

2-5 to refrain from physical exposure of the election campaign to others, whether sabotage or disruption, or attaching images, logos and slogans over images or any other work to be interpreted as a physical attack on the campaign trail for other candidates.

2-6 not to use mosques or churches to support the campaign and in favor of some candidates.

2-7 Forward voters electorate to vote for the lists of women.

2-8 cooperates in providing transportation for all voters to reach polling places without bias.

2-9 Requiring all companies and institutions, the private sector to make available equal opportunities to advertise through its media in equal and just lists of all women in all states of Sudan, especially that those companies derive their profit from all the citizens of Sudan, without reference to party affiliation.