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The Leadership of the National Salvation Front (NAS) would like to inform all members, supporters, the people of South Sudan and the International Community that NAS, together with its allies in the South Sudan Opposition Movements Alliance (SSOMA), participated in the third round of talks of the Rome Peace Process between SSOMA and the Revitalized Government of National Unity in South Sudan (R-TGoNU), under the auspices of the Community of Sant'Egidio, in Rome, Italy from 9th -12th October 2020.

This 3rd round of the Rome Peace Process was a continuation of the first and second rounds of talks and deliberated on the following:

1. The Cessation of Hostilities (CoHA)

The position of SSOMA during the talks was that CoHA cannot be open-ended as it was to provide a conducive environment for political negotiations to address the root causes of the conflict in the country. The participation SSOMA in CTSAMVM as a CoHA monitoring and verification mechanism will be for three (3) months subject to renewal. During the three months Sant'Egidio as the mediation body will monitor the political commitment of the parties to the adherence to CoHA and SSOMA will only sign any recommitment to CoHA if there is an agreement on the Declaration of Principles which paves way for negotiations on the root causes of the conflict in the country.

2. The Declaration of Principles (DoP)

The parties agreed to come up with a declaration of principles which will form the basis of the political negotiations on the root causes of the conflict in the country to achieve sustainable peace. The two sides were not able to agree on all points of the DoP.

In this 3rd round of talks the parties did not reach final agreements but concluded with the following:

1. Initialing of the Recommitment of the parties to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA) of 2017 subject to renewal after three months from SSOMA's joining of CTSAMV. NAS and its allies will only sign the **Recommitment to CoHA** together with an agreed declaration of principles.

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2. Initialing of agreed points in the DoP, The points which were not agreed upon are to be discussed in the next round of talks.

The Parties will resume the fourth round of talks in Rome on **30th November 2020**.

The National Salvation Front (NAS) assures its members ,the people of South Sudan and the International Community that NAS is committed to addressing the root causes of the conflict in South Sudan to achieve just and sustainable peace.

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