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## **Joint Communiqué Issued at the End of the Official Visit of H.E. Abdallah Hamdok Prime Minister of the Republic of the Sudan to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok of the Republic of the Sudan in his first official visit to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Prime Minister Hamdok arrived on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with his delegation and attended the inauguration of Unity Park along with other leaders from the region.

The two Prime Ministers had a fruitful discussion on both bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest of the two countries. Accordingly, the two leaders agreed to further consolidate the multifaceted cooperation that exists between the two sisterly countries to the next level. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reaffirmed his commitment to work with the Government of Sudan in delisting Sudan from the US list of countries sponsoring terrorism and lifting the sanctions.

Following the bilateral discussions led by the two leaders, the respective ministers, namely of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Energy and Mining, Industry and Trade, and Intelligent Service of the two countries engaged in direct consultations on fostering mutual cooperation in their respective areas. They emphasized the importance of further strengthening the economic cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the area of agriculture and energy.

Prime Minister Hamdok was the first to congratulate his brother Prime Minister Abiy for winning the 2019 Noble Peace Prize, which was awarded in recognition of his valuable contribution to regional peace and stability. At the end of their exchange, Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, and to the People and Government of Ethiopia for the warm and brotherly hospitality accorded to him and his delegation.

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