



# UNMIS Press Statement

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## **Statement attributable to Ashraf Qazi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan on the selection of the National Elections Commission**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan, Ashraf Qazi, welcomes the approval of the National Elections Commission (NEC) appointment by the National Assembly.

The NEC is the independent and impartial body responsible for organizing and conducting the elections, which represents an important cornerstone of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

Mr Qazi congratulates the new Commissioners and pledges UNMIS readiness to support and assist with preparations for the national, southern Sudan, and state elections to ensure that they are carried out in accordance with the provisions and spirit of the CPA.

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