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## Press Release

### **An advance team of SPLM Politburo members convenes in preparation for the SPLM Leadership Review and Self-Assessment Forum**

**5 April, 2014** – A meeting of an SPLM advance Politburo Members’ team convened on 5 April, 2014 in Addis Ababa, in the presence of H.E Hailemariam Dessalegn, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and current Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly to prepare the ground for an SPLM Leadership Review and Self-Assessment Forum.

The SPLM Leadership Review and Self-Assessment Forum that was initiated within the framework of the IGAD-led Peace Process for South Sudan, is expected to run concurrently and provide a critical contribution to the ongoing broader political dialogue towards national reconciliation and healing.

The advance team meeting will develop the agenda, modalities and time frame for the Forum, which will address underlying causes of the current crisis in South Sudan.

The SPLM Intra-Party Dialogue Forum will be facilitated by representatives of the Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) and the African National Congress (ANC) in light of their relevant experiences to the current crisis in the SPLM.

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