



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolutions of the 25th RJMEC Meeting

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 14 December 2022
Juba, South Sudan**

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomurö (RTGoNU)
2. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth (ITGoNU)
3. Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, (ITGoNU)
4. Hon. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/IO)
5. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Mr. Malong Thiik Riny (SSOA)
7. Maj. Gen. Bior Leek Kuareng (FDs)
8. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Rtd. Bishop Enock Tombe (Faith-based leader)
2. Sheik Jaralnebi Khamis (Faith-based leader)
3. Dr Siham Osman (Women Coalition)
4. Mrs. Maria Gideon (Women Block)
5. Mr. Dabek Mabior Arok (SSCSA)
6. Prof. Moses Macar Kacuol (Eminent Personality)
7. Dr. John Gai Yoh (Eminent Personality) - online
8. Dr Angelina Bazugba (Academia)
9. Mrs. Abuk Jervas Makuac (Business Community)
10. Ms. Acayo Nancy Cirino (Youth)
11. Mr. Patrick A. Godi (Youth)

For the Regional Guarantors:

1. H.E. Gamal Abdelmageed Gassim Elseed Ahmed (Sudan)
2. Amb. Markos Tekle Rike (Ethiopia)
3. H.E. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Samuel Nandwa (Kenya)
4. H.E. Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
5. Mr. Kataps Gaius Keafon (Nigeria)
6. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
7. Mr. Elijah Osiro (IGAD Mission to South Sudan)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan:

1. H.E. Michael J. Adler (USA)
2. H.E. Jonny Baxter (UK)
3. H.E. Jenny Hill (IPF)
4. Mr. Ma Wenjun (China)
5. Mr. Dionyz Hochel (EU)
6. Mr. Jan Huesken (IPF)
7. Mr. Jonas Huus Ervik (Norway)
8. Mr. Guang Cong (UNMISS)

For RJMEC Secretariat

1. Amb. Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff
2. Ms Esther Kyewalabye, Humanitarian Advisor
3. Mr Guy Gabriel, Communications Advisor

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:

1. Hon. Gichira Kibara – Chairperson NCAC
2. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuol – Head of JDB Secretariat
3. Mr. Angelo Madut – Head of SDSR Board Secretariat
4. Lt. Gen. Asrat Denero – Chairperson CTSAMVM
5. Hon. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor – Chairperson DDR Commission
6. Hon. Justice James Ogoola – Chairperson JRC

Observers

1. H.E. Erdem Mutaf (Turkiye)
2. H.E. Vishnu Kumar Sharma (India)
3. H.E. Tobias Eichner (Germany)
4. Ms. Riko Kato (Japan)

5. Mr. Georg Stein (Switzerland)
6. Mr. Mohamed Elbadry (Egypt)
7. Mr. Tomas Brundin (Sweden)
8. Mr. Peterson Magoola (UN Women)
9. Mr. George Otoo (UNMISS RCO)
10. Ms. Catherine Waliaula (UNDP)

The 25th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS DSRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JRC, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, DDR Commission);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS DSRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- h) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS DSRSG, and after considering the reports from JRC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSRB, and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his assessment of the status of implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement in accordance with the RTGoNU Roadmap, updates on recent progress registered, the critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;
2. **Further welcomed** RJMEC's recent engagements with the IGAD Council of Ministers, the African Union Peace and Security Council, both 30th November 2022, and the United Nations Security Council, 13th December 2022, all of which placed the fast-tracking of the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan at

the top of the agenda; and **urged** the RTGoNU to take note of the resulting communiques;

3. **Encouraged by** the positive diplomatic activities, including solidarity visits, which are contained in the communiques of the recent regional and international meetings on South Sudan, **urged** that the RTGoNU match that level of determination in the pace of implementation of the Roadmap;
4. **Appreciated** Hon. Martin Elia Lomurö, Minister for Cabinet Affairs of the RTGoNU, for his detailed briefing on the status of implementation of the roadmap since the last RTGoNU report to this Plenary; and **welcomed** the announcement of the upcoming Presidential assent ceremony which will give assent to, *inter alia*:

- a) The National Police Service Act, 2009 (Amendment) Bill 2022;
- b) Constitutional Making Process Bill, 2022;
- c) Wildlife Service (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
- d) The Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 (Amendment) Bill, 2022; and
- e) The National Prison Service (Amendment, 2021) Bill, 2022.

and **further welcomed** the report from the RTGoNU that the JDB has been directed to prepare for redeployment of the graduated forces, and that Phase 2 of the unification of forces is due to begin, and that salaries for the forces are to be factored in the supplementary budget, due to be tabled before the Council of Ministers;

5. **Welcomed** Hon. Justice James Ogoola, Chairperson of the Judicial Reform Committee (JRC), to the RJMEC meeting and his detailed report on the ongoing work of the JRC, and **noted with satisfaction** the news that major impediments to the JRC's functions have been overcome, but **noted** that the JRC requests an extension of its timeline by six months in order to complete its work;
6. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, the UNMISS DSRSG, for his detailed briefing, including updates on the dire humanitarian situation, its activities pursuant to

its protection of civilians mandate, and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU in this regard;

7. **Appreciated** all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, DDR Commission and JRC for their reports, **took note** of the reported progress or lack thereof, challenges identified and **endorsed** all their recommendations; and **urged** the RTGoNU High-Level Standing Committee and NTC to ensure the availing of the requisite resources to *inter alia*;

- a) redeploy the graduated NUF and pay their remuneration;
- b) buy uniform, food, medicine, and provide basic services in the cantonment and training centres;
- c) facilitate activities of the DDR Commission;
- d) all other tasks of the Roadmap.

8. **Took note** of some of the recent progress made in the implementation of the Agreement, since the last Plenary, including:

- a. progress made by the National Constitutional Amendment Committee drafting key priority legislation; in this regard, **urged** all stakeholders to respond in a timely manner to NCAC requests for submissions or information necessary to its work and to meet its tight deadlines;
- b. the graduation on 21st November 2022 in Malakal, Upper Nile State, bringing the number of graduated forces to approximately 49,000 of Phase 1 of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF); and in this regard, **noted** that it is expected that Phase 2 will involve troops assembling in the Cantonment Sites with weapons ready to move to training areas, but **also noted** that there are insufficient uniforms, food, medicine and other critical supplies;

9. **Took note** of the SSPDF's letter to RJMEC in response to a CTSAMVM violation report, on the torture and killing of three civilians in Kiri Boma of Kajo Keji County, Central Equatoria State, and **urged** for responses to other letters not yet replied to, and that all perpetrators be held accountable; in this regard, **noted with concern** two new CTSAMVM violation reports written since the last Plenary about denial of access, information and harassment of CTSAMVM personnel at Wunliet Cantonment Site in Central Equatoria State, and recruitment and training in Northern Bahr el Ghazal state;

10. **Echoed** the voices of UNMISS, the African Union Mission in South Sudan, IGAD, and some members of the international community, in **expressing deep concern** over the escalating violence in Upper Nile and Jonglei States with innocent lives being lost, thousands displaced, livelihoods and property destroyed; **recognising** that if not addressed urgently, the wider ramifications of such violence could destabilize the ongoing implementation of the Peace Agreement; in this regard, it **noted with concern** that CTSAMVM lacks the resources to immediately investigate in key areas of Upper Nile State, but is mobilising its own resources to send MVT Malakal to finalise a report; and **requested** the RTGoNU and community leaders to take the necessary steps urgently to address the conflicts in Upper Nile and Jonglei;
11. **Urged** the RTGoNU to expedite the development of the policy for the management and use of the country's waterbodies, including but not limited to the River Nile;
12. **Reiterated** the importance of the establishment of the Special Reconstruction Fund, a critical coordinating mechanism for recovery and development efforts; and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to establish the Board of the Special Reconstruction Fund, and for it to work closely with partners to mobilise the requisite resources, including through the South Sudan pledging conference; and **further emphasised** that the Enterprise Development Fund, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund, the Women Enterprise Development Fund, and the Social Security Fund are critical to establish;
13. While **noting** that first drafts of the Commission on Truth, Reconciliation and Healing and the Compensation and Reparation Authority Bills are under internal scrutiny, **urged** that the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs expedite their finalisation;
14. **Emphasised** the importance of kickstarting the reconstitution and appointment of the relevant institutions essential for the making of the new constitution, following Presidential assent to the Constitutional Making Process Bill 2022; and **further urged** that all such appointments be given due attention to the 35% level of women's participation, as well as taking note of youth and people living with disabilities;

15. **Appreciated** the criticality of the Agreement institutions and mechanisms, such as the NCAC, JRC, CTSAMVM, among others, to the ongoing implementation of the Agreement; **urged** that the allowances of their national members continue to be paid in order to facilitate their work, **noting with satisfaction** that the RTGoNU has agreed to cover the allowances of the national members of the JRC, to be paid in instalments;
16. **Underscored** the first resolution of the Sixth Governor’s Forum, affirming the “commitment of the States and the Administrative Areas to implementation of the R-ARCSS through the Roadmap 2022”; and **acknowledging** the diplomatic support affirmed at the recent IGAD, AU Peace and Security Council and UN Security Council meetings, **expects** more rapid and substantial progress in implementation in the new year 2023;
17. **Noting** the financial hardship in South Sudan, **encouraged** all members of the regional and international community to consider providing enhanced political, financial, technical, and logistical support for the implementation of the priority areas of the Roadmap, including the DDR process, the Permanent Constitution-making process, and elections, as well as other areas;
18. **Wished** everyone a very Merry Christmas, and that the New Year brings the strength and impetus to all of us to continue the important work of building durable peace in South Sudan;
19. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be 26th January 2023; and
20. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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