



**Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission
(RJMEC)**

Resolutions of the
31st RJMEC Meeting

Beijing Juba Hotel, 10th August 2023
Juba, South Sudan

The 31st RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson.
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC on Transitional Security Arrangements;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC, DDR Commission, and JRC);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS SRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms;
- h) Resolutions of the 31st meeting; and
- i) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

In attendance were representatives of all the Parties to the Agreement, Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents, the Regional Guarantors, International Partners and Friends of South Sudan, Observers, as well as Institutions and Mechanisms of the Agreement.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS DSRSG, and after considering the reports from RTGoNU, NTC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JMCC, JTSC, DDR Commission, and JRC, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 30th RJMEC meeting with some amendments.
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his assessment of the status of implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement as per the Roadmap, one year since the Roadmap was adopted by the Principals of the Parties to the Agreement on 4th August 2022, his updates on recent developments, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;
3. **Thanked** Hon. Dr Martin Elia Lomurö, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and RTGoNU representative, for his report on the status of implementation of the critical tasks of the R-ARCSS in accordance with the Roadmap including the assurance that the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) and all the 17 commissions and institutions to be restructured as per the Agreement will be completed before the end of the month;

4. **Appreciated** Hon. Stephen Par Kuol, Minister of Peacebuilding and Secretary to the National Transitional Committee (NTC), for presenting the NTC report which highlighted the critical challenges impeding NTC's efforts on the unification of forces, **welcomed** ongoing efforts and commitment to deploy the unified forces and to commence Phase II of the unification of forces in earnest;
5. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, the UNMISS DSRSG, for his briefing, including detailed updates on the current humanitarian situation in South Sudan, protection of civilians as per UNMISS mandate, observations on the status of implementation of the Agreement, and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU in this regard;
6. **Bade farewell** to Mr. Julius Egbeyemi, the Canadian chargé d'affaires whose tour of duty in the Republic of South Sudan has come to an end, and **thanked** him for his tremendous support to the work of RJMEC as Co-Chair of the IPF and wished him success in his new assignment;
7. **Welcomed** the expansion of the Gov-Trilateral (AU, IGAD, UN) Joint-Taskforce for Implementation of the Constitution Making Process and Electoral Processes to include the African Union and IGAD and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to expedite implementation of critical elections related and constitutional-making tasks under the Roadmap;
8. **Appreciated** all Chairpersons and/or representatives of CTSAMVM, JDB, JMCC, SDRS Board, JTSC, DDR Commission and Judicial Reform

Committee (JRC) for their reports, took note of the reported progress, and endorsed all their recommendations. In this regard, **welcomed** the detailed briefing by the JRC on some of its findings from ongoing public consultations and **appealed** to IGAD and the RTGoNU to find the requisite resources to enable the JRC undertake its pending public consultations and report writing to ensure that its report on judicial reforms reflect the will and aspiration of all South Sudanese;

9. **Observed** that the Roadmap is now one year since its endorsement by the Principals of the Parties of the Agreement on 4th August 2022, **welcomed** the progress made this far but **expressed serious concerns** that a number of critical milestones as set out in the Roadmap, which should have been completed by August 2023, are still pending. In this regard, **reiterated** its appeal to the Parties and RTGoNU to fast-track implementation of all pending tasks in accordance to the Roadmap;
10. **Commended** the Interim Chairperson of RJMEC and IGAD for the ongoing efforts to remedy CTSAMVM's operational challenges, and **encouraged** the Parties to the Agreement to support CTSAMVM in the execution of its mandate. In this regard, **regretted** the continuing inability of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee and CTSAMVM Board to meet and consider CTSAMVM reports which are critical for verifying the status of implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements and urged expeditious resolution of all outstanding issues;

11. **Welcomed** the extension of the mandate of the National Constitutional Amendment Committee (NCAC) to enable the Committee to complete its pending tasks, namely: to draft and complete amendments to the NGO, the Investment Promotion, the Mining, the Transport, the Pension Fund, and the Telecommunication Acts and **urged** the Committee to reconvene and complete these important pending tasks;
12. **Took note** of the introduction of the Voluntary Civilian Disarmament Strategy by the Ministry of Interior and the recent endorsement of the Disarmament of the Civil Population Bill 2023 by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers and **appealed** to the TNLA to expeditiously enact this bill in order to contribute to the reduction of illegal arms in civilian hands. In this regard, **encouraged** the civic population to embrace this voluntary disarmament process;
13. **Welcomed** the announcement by the RTGoNU of the removal of all illegal checkpoints across the country to facilitate humanitarian aid delivery to vulnerable communities, as well as the commitment by the RTGoNU to address the problems of cattle raiding and inter-communal violence. In this regard, **urged** the RTGoNU to fast-track the redeployment of the unified forces in order to provide security in different parts of the country;
14. **Welcomed** the recent approval of the revised Land Policy by the Economic Cluster, and **called for** its quick implementation in order to contribute to the reduction of conflict triggered by land-related disputes and

encouraged the RTGoNU to continue with all practical steps to address the root causes of violence in South Sudan;

15. **Expressed** optimism that the forthcoming economic conference will generate renewed impetus to the implementation of Chapter 4. In this regard, **commended** all the steps being taken by the Parties to the RTGoNU to develop a realistic budget which supports the full implementation of the Agreement;

16. **Urged** the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to expedite the presentation of the draft Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) Bills to the Council of Ministers for its consideration and enactment by TNLA and **renewed** its invitation extended to the honorable Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to brief RJMEC members on the operationalisation of the enacted laws and other pending bills;

17. **Regretted** that 16 months away from elections, many critical milestones are still pending and **appealed** to the Parties and RTGoNU re-assess its current strategy and pace of implementation in order to complete the pending pre-requisites for free and fair elections within the agreed timelines;

18. **Recommended** that, in order to achieve the critical elections-related benchmarks in a timely manner, the RTGoNU should:

a) expedite the reconstitution of the Political Parties Council and the National Constitutional Review Commission;

- b) expedite the enactment by the Transitional National Legislature of the National Elections Act, to pave the way for the reconstitution of a credible and impartial National Elections Commission;
- c) expedite the completion of the unification of forces, and provide adequate resources to the Security Mechanisms;
- d) provide timely and sufficient resources for the implementation of all the critical pending tasks of the Revitalised Agreement;
- e) encourage the expansion of political and civic space for all South Sudanese to take part in the conversations surrounding their participation in the political process; and
- f) ensure that women's representation in the political process attains minimum 35%, including in the Constitution-making bodies.

19. **Encouraged** all RJMEC members and partners to constructively engage the RTGoNU, including by identifying areas of requisite support to expedite implementation of the critical pending tasks highlighted. In this regard, **welcomed** the commitment of the Parties to the RTGoNU to explore, in consultation with the people of South Sudan, all possible ways on how to conduct timely elections in accordance with the Roadmap;

20. **Appealed** to the Principals of the Parties signatory to the Revitalised Agreement to consider meeting to take stock of implementation since the Roadmap was endorsed a year ago, and to demonstrate their commitment by dialoguing and agreeing on how to implement the critical pending tasks in the remaining time. In this regard, **encouraged** the Parties to make the necessary compromises on current challenges in order to unlock progress;

21. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be communicated by the Secretariat in due course; and
22. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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