



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

4th RJMEC Meeting

Palm Africa Hotel, 07th March 2019, Juba, South Sudan

The 4th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 7th March 2019 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K Njoroge (Rtd).

In attendance were the representatives of all the Parties and stakeholders in RJMEC namely:

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Awut Deng Acuil (incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Micheal Chainjiek Geay (incumbent TGoNU)
3. Hon. Sophia Pal Gai (Incumbent TGoNU)
4. Amb. Stephen Par Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
5. Ms. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)
7. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
8. Hon Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents

1. Mr. Mohamed El Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith based leader)
2. Ms. Riya William Yuuada (Women Coalition)
3. Ms. Mary Akech Bior (Women's Bloc)

4. Mr. Rajab John Mohandis (CSO Forum)
5. Prof. Moses Macar Kacual (Eminent Person)
6. Mr. Simon Akuei Deng (Business Community)
7. Ms. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Community)
8. Prof. Pauline Riak (Academia)
9. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)
10. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth)

For the Regional Guarantors

1. Mr. Zelalem Birhan (Ethiopia)
2. H.E Chris K. Mbura (Kenya)
3. Mr. Shafie Nuralas Farah (Somalia)
4. H.E. Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (Sudan)
5. H.E Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
6. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
7. H.E Obinna C. Agbugba (Nigeria)
8. Lt. Col. Claver Karara (Rwanda)
9. Mr. Tesfaye Negassa (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)
10. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. H.E He Xiangdong (China)
2. Ms. Signe Guro Gillen (Norway)
3. Mr. Tim Timmons (USA)
4. H.E Allison Blackburne (UK)
5. Mr. Moustapha Soumare (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. H.E. Janet Albeda (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat

1. Amb. Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff, RJMEC
2. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff - Strategy, RJMEC
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Legal Counsel, RJMEC.

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms

1. Hon. Gabriel Changson Chang, Co-Chair NPTC
2. Hon. Gichira Kibara, Chairperson NCAC
3. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche, Chairperson CTSAMVM
4. Gen. Gabriel Jok Riak, Chairperson JDB
5. Madam Angelina Teny, Chairperson SDSR Board

6. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson JTSC
7. Maj. Gen. Genesio Moro, Head of Secretariat JMCC

Observers

1. H.E Seiji Okada, Japan
2. H.E Jan Hendrick van Thiel, Germany
3. H.E. Dr. Ahmed Bahaa Eldin, Egypt
4. Ms. Joane Holliger, Switzerland
5. Ms. Elizabeth Awate, UN Women

The meeting was also attended by a delegation of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) led by its chair H.E Catherine Muigai Mwangi.

The 4th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Report from the National Pre-Transitional Committee (NPTC);
- c) The minutes of the last meeting;
- d) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- e) Remarks by the AU PSC Chairperson;
- f) Report from agreement institutions & mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC); and
- g) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, remarks by the AU PSC Chairperson, brief by UNMISS SRSG and after considering the reports from the NPTC, CTSAMVM, NCAC, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 3rd RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 23rd January 2019 without any amendment;
2. **Endorsed** the statement of the RJMEC Interim Chairperson H.E Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K Njoroge (Rtd) on the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS and made observations with regard to some outstanding issues;
3. **Welcomed** the remarks by the Chairperson of the AU PSC expressing the AU's full support to the peace process in South Sudan, her encouragement to IGAD, RJMEC, all parties and stakeholders to ensure

its full implementation as offering the best opportunity for peace in South Sudan; in that regard, **commended** the AU PSC for their timely visit to Juba, appreciated them for accepting RJMEC's invitation to attend and address its meeting and wished them a productive mission in the Republic of South Sudan.

4. **Further welcomed** the report of the Co-Chair of the NPTC Hon. Gabriel Changson Chang on the status of implementation of the pre-transitional tasks and comments therein and **commended** the NPTC for its ongoing efforts to engage the incumbent TGoNU and all partners and friends of South Sudan to support implementation of the R-ARCSS;
5. **Thanked** the UNMISS Deputy SRSG Mr. Moustapha Soumare for his briefing and the Chairpersons of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC for their reports, and **appreciated** all the institutions and mechanisms of the agreement for submitting their reports in advance to the RJMEC as requested. In this regard, it recommended that the reports of the agreement institutions and mechanisms should clearly highlight their prescribed tasks, planned timelines as per the agreement, and the actions taken in implementation, gaps, challenges and recommendations;
6. **Congratulated** the women of the Republic of South Sudan on the occasion to mark the International Women's Day on Friday 8th March 2019 and wished them all a joyous celebration;
7. **Welcomed** the appointment of the Independent Boundaries Commission (IBC) by the Executive Secretary of IGAD; and **called upon** the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan to urgently convene the first meeting of the IBC to facilitate its immediate constitution. In this regard, it **noted** that the nominees from Rwanda and Chad are still outstanding and **requested** them to nominate their members as soon as possible;
8. **Congratulated** the JDB for reaching agreement on cantonment sites and training centres for all opposition forces and designated barracks for government forces and **encouraged** the JDB to clearly develop doctrine for training and unification of forces and **urged** it to explore and deploy

all practical measures to expedite cantonment, training and unification of forces;

9. **Further commended** H.E President Salva Kiir Mayardit for his Presidential Tour initiative to Bahr el Ghazal region in dissemination of the peace agreement, **urged** all parties to continue with the mobilization of grassroots support for the peace agreement and in this regard appealed for future disseminations to be conducted jointly with other parties to the R-ARCSS;
10. **Further welcomed** the reports on ongoing confidence building measures being taken by the parties with facilitation of the NPTC, UNMISS, JDB and CTSAMVM and **recommended** that such efforts be continued;
11. **Took note** of the cost-cutting measures undertaken by CTSAMVM to address its current budgetary constraints and expressed concerns on its potential impact on CTSAMVM effectiveness in performing its tasks under the agreement. In this regard, it **recommended** that CTSAMVM discuss the modalities of these cuts with the NPTC and to report back to RJMEC;
12. **Noted** with concern the absence of a chairperson of the JTSC and **urged** the SSPDF to immediately appoint its replacement to enable the JTSC to continue performing its tasks;
13. **Applauded** the NCAC members for the significant progress already made in the execution of their tasks and mandate, and urged them to continue with this good momentum;
14. **Noted** the recent resignation of the two experts of the TBC drawn from the Troika countries but **encouraged** the TBC to conclude its work and write its report for submission to the IGAD;
15. **Reiterated** its call for the DDR Commission to be reconstituted without any further delay in order to undertake its role in the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration process, which is critical in the unification of forces;

16. **Commended** the reports of improved security along major trading routes, the resumption of trading along these routes, the opening of river transport in some sections, re-opening of some oil fields, which can potentially contribute to increased economic activity and improved prospects for the country;
17. **Further observed** that most part of the country is currently reported by CTSAMVM as peaceful and that the permanent ceasefire is largely holding with improved communication and trust building going on amongst the parties;
18. **Expressed** deep concerns on the continuing denial of access to CTSAMVM MVTs during its force verification exercises, by some commanders on the ground. In this regard, it **appreciated** the recent written directives issued by the SSPDF Chief of Defence Forces to all his forces to allow CTSAMVM unhindered access, and **demand**ed that CTSAMVM from now on be allowed free and unimpeded access to carry out its mandate;
19. **Further expressed** concerns on the slow pace of progress in the implementation of the peace agreement, and **appealed** to the government, all partners and friends to support the implementation of the peace agreement;
20. **Further expressed** concerns on the ongoing fighting and military buildup in and around Yei and called on all the parties involved to exercise restraints. It further called upon all non-signatories to join in the implementation of the peace agreement;
21. **Acknowledged** the diplomatic efforts currently underway to engage all non-signatories to the R-ARCSS to join in its implementation, and **encouraged** all parties and stakeholders to respect the process and to engage fully so that it can be concluded in the shortest time possible;
22. **Called upon** the incumbent TGoNU to make good on its pledges to the NPTC, and release pledged funds immediately and **urged** the NPTC to channel the available resources to all implementation mechanisms to enable them to discharge their mandate;

- 23. Further expressed concerns** on the inadequate financial support being extended to the implementation of the peace agreement, which is affecting the pace of implementation, especially the work and effectiveness of the CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JTSC, and JMCC and in this regard, it reiterated its appeal to all partners and friends who had been supporting these mechanisms to continue to do so and for other partners to also extend support;
- 24. Urged** the parties and NPTC to step up their efforts and momentum to implement all pending pre-transitional tasks in order to ensure a timely formation of the R-TGoNU and implementation of the R-ARCSS;
- 25. Further reiterated** its call to the incumbent TGoNU to make the report of its investigation into the alleged incidents of sexual and gender-based violence in Bentui public and to furnish the RJMEC with the full report of its investigation and action on the Luri incident;
- 26. Called upon** RJMEC to report all incidents of serious violations of the R-ARCSS to the IGAD and for IGAD to take actions to ensure adherence to the peace agreement;
- 27. Recommended** that the RJMEC Chairperson explore with IGAD and the international partners, an avenue to discuss and address all pending concerns or reservations with regard to the revitalized peace agreement, in order to facilitate their full support to the implementation of the peace agreement;
- 28. Agreed** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting shall be communicated by the RJMEC secretariat; and
- 29. Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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