



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

### **Resolution of the RJMEC**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> RJMEC Meeting**

**Palm Africa Hotel, 01 August 2019, Juba, South Sudan**

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 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. Michael Makuei Lueth (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Dhieu Mathok Diing (Incumbent TGoNU)
3. Hon. Sophia Pal Gai (Incumbent TGoNU)
4. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
5. Mrs. 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 leaders)
2. Ms. Rebecca Anyang Chol (Women's Bloc)
3. Ms. Rita Lopidia (Women Coalition)
4. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)
5. Mr. Rajab Mohandis (CSO Forum)
6. Mrs. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Community)
7. Prof. Pauline Riak (Academia)
8. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth).

9. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)

**For the Regional Guarantors**

1. Mr. Daniel Samwel (Ethiopia)
2. H.E. Chris K. Mburu (Kenya)
3. Mr. Mohamed Ali Mohamed (Somalia)
4. H.E. Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (Sudan)
5. H.E. Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
6. Mr. Sunday Edmund (Nigeria)
7. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
8. Mr. Mashood Issaka (AUMISS)
9. Mr. Tesfaye Negassa (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

**For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan**

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Ms. Signe Guro Gilen (Norway)
3. Mr. William Echols (USA)
4. Mr. Daniel Sherry (UK)
5. Mr. Moustapha Soumare (UNMISS)
6. Ms. Frances Collins (EU)
7. H.E. Janet Alberda (IPF)

**For RJMEC Secretariat**

1. Ambassador Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff - RJMEC
2. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff (Strategy) - RJMEC
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Senior Advisor, Legal and Constitution Affairs - RJMEC

**For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms**

1. Hon. Henry Dilan Odwar, Deputy Chairperson - NPTC
2. Amb. Magid Yousif, Deputy Chairperson - NCAC
3. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche Ageno, Chairperson - CTSAMVM
4. Lt. Gen. Thomas Jal, Member - JDB
5. Madame Angelina Teny, Chairperson - SDSR Board
6. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson - JTSC
7. Maj. Gen. Isaac Moro Jenesio, Head of the JMCC Secretariat

**Observers**

1. H.E. Dr. Ahmed Bahaa Eldin (Egypt)
2. Ms. Paulina Chiwangu (UNWOMEN)
3. Mitsubiro Toyoma (Japan)
4. Ms. Salome Steib (Switzerland)
5. Ms. Wanjiku Nyoike, UNHCR

The 8<sup>th</sup> 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) Reports from Agreement institutions and mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC);
- f) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS Deputy 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 7<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with minor amendments;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, and endorsed all the recommendations therein;
3. **Took note** of the report of the NPTC as presented by the Co-Chairperson Hon. Henry Odwar, **commended** the NPTC for the funds already availed to the JDB and other implementation mechanisms, and **appealed** to the NPTC to look for more resources from the Government and other sources, and avail them to the mechanisms in a timely and predictable manner;
4. **Thanked** the UNMISS Deputy SRSG Mr. Moustapha Soumare for his briefing and the Chairpersons (or their representatives) of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC for their reports, and **appreciated** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports three days in advance;
5. **Congratulated** the NCAC for completing the incorporation of the six months extension of the Pre-Transitional Period into the Constitutional Amendment Bill and for resubmitting the same to the Government in a timely manner, and **called upon** the Transitional National Legislative Assembly to expedite the ratification of the Amendment Bill;

6. **Welcomed** the progress that has been made by the following institutions and mechanisms since the last RJMEC meeting, namely:
  - a. CTSAMVM for the verification of the 33 out of 35 designated cantonment sites;
  - b. JDB for the order it issued to all the forces to immediately move into the designated cantonment sites and barracks;
  - c. JTSC for conducting an assessment of the 18 training centers identified for the Necessary Unified Forces (NUFs);
  - d. JMCC for the verification of all the designated agreed cantonment sites, and
  - e. SDSR Board for the consultations it conducted with the key stakeholders pursuant to its mandate and **appealed** for further progress to be made;
7. **Urged** the JMCC and CTSAMVM to conduct an assessment on protection-related risks to the civilian population at cantonment sites and recommend mitigation measures to be put in place. In this regard, it further requested the JDB to give clear guidance on family members accompanying the forces to designated sites;
8. **Commended** the SPLM/A-IO and the Incumbent TGoNU (I-TGoNU) for the following positive steps taken pursuant to the Agreement, namely:
  - a. the SPLM/A-IO for the further release of 15 SSPDF detainees, 32 child soldiers and its vacation of all the civilian properties it had occupied; and
  - b. the I-TGoNU for providing USD 10 million to the NPTC, and for ensuring improved access for CTSAMVM.
9. **Expressed concerns** on the slow pace of the implementation of the critical pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period with less than four months remaining to the end of the extended period, yet many more tasks remain outstanding;
10. **Urged** the Parties, all the institutions and mechanisms to double their efforts and to expedite the implementation of the pending critical tasks for the timely formation of the R-TGoNU;
11. **Appealed** to the I-TGoNU to avail more funding to the NPTC in a timely and predictable manner and also **appealed** to the IGAD members, AU C5 and partners who have made pledges to expeditiously deliver them, to ensure timely and uninterrupted implementation of the Agreement. In this regard, it **commended** the AU Commission and China for their pledges to provide additional material support to cantonment and **thanked** Egypt for the medical supplies already delivered to the Government;

12. **Called upon** the IGAD Executive Secretary to urgently communicate the outcome of the IBC work to the Parties and **emphasized** the need for all the Parties and Stakeholders to be engaged in finding a lasting solution;
13. **Reiterated its appeal** to the I-TGoNU and the NPTC to expedite the nominations and appointment process of the DDR Commission's Chairperson and Deputy and to ensure its immediate reconstitution;
14. **Further reiterated** its appeal to the IGAD Council of Ministers to follow through on its commitments made at its 67<sup>th</sup> Extra-ordinary Session held in Juba and, in this regard, **endorsed** the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's recommendation that a meeting of the leadership of the Parties be convened as soon as possible to review the progress in the implementation of the critical pending tasks, and **welcomed** the assurances by the IGAD Council of Ministers Chairperson to act on the Council's commitments;
15. **Noted with concern** the missed deadline for movement of all forces to the designated cantonment sites as ordered by the JDB and **urged** the JDB and JMCC to take all necessary steps to ensure this order is followed, and that some of the designated cantonment sites should be immediately opened and operationalised;
16. **Called upon** the Parties to continue with coordinated dissemination and joint confidence building measures. In this regard, it also **encouraged** the other stakeholders and partners to equally engage in disseminating the Agreement and messages of peace to their various constituents, within their means;
17. **Further called upon** the Parties to hold regular face-to-face meetings of all the political leadership in order to build trust and confidence among themselves and address the challenges facing implementation.
18. **Acknowledged** CTSAMVM's report that the Permanent Ceasefire continues to hold and that there has been no violence reported between the Parties since the last RJMEC meeting. In this regard it commended the Parties for adhering to the Permanent Ceasefire and further appealed to the I-TGoNU to continue its efforts in addressing the inter-communal violence;
19. **Expressed further concerns** over the reported recent activities of the NAS forces allied to Gen. Thomas Cirilo in and around Yei River area and appealed to all the non-adherents to join the peace process. In this regard, it **requested** the IGAD Special Envoy to update the members on progress made in his engagements with the non-adherents as directed by the IGAD Council of Ministers;

20.**Appreciated** the recent visit to South Sudan by H.E. Aya Chebbi, the AU Special Envoy on Youth, and **thanked** Her Excellency for the decision to prioritize the young people of South Sudan with her first official mission, and **urged** the youth in South Sudan to seize the opportunity presented by this gesture to bolster their participation in the peace process;

21.**Agreed** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019; and

22.**Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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