



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

### **Resolutions of the RJMEC**

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

**Palm Africa Hotel, 17 October 2019, Juba, South Sudan**

The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd).

In attendance were the representatives the Parties and Stakeholders in RJMEC namely:

#### **For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:**

1. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Stephen Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
3. Mrs. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
4. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)
5. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
6. Hon. Wilson Loding (OPP)

#### **For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents**

1. Mr. Mohamed El-Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith-based leader)
2. Bishop. Moses Deng Bol (Faith-based Leader)
3. Prof. Moses Macar Kacuol (Eminent Person)
4. Ms. Mary Akech Bior (Women's Bloc)
5. Ms. Jackline Nasiwa (Women Coalition)
6. Shiek Vitale Aligo Samson (CSO Alliance)
7. Mr. Rajab Mohandis (CSO Forum)
8. Mr. Simon Akuei Deng (Business Community)
9. Mrs. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Community)

10. Prof. Pauline Riak (Academia)
11. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth)
12. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)

#### **For the Regional Guarantors**

1. H.E Teferi Taddessa (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Ali Mambo (Kenya)
3. Mr. Shafie Nuralas Farah (Somalia)
4. Mr. Ammar Ahmed (Sudan)
5. H.E. Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
6. H.E Obinna Chukwuemeka Agbugba (Nigeria)
7. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
8. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
9. Dr. Philip Mwanika (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

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

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Ms. Martine Melgard (Norway)
3. Mr. Stephen Fakan (USA)
4. Mr. Charles Moore (UK)
5. Hon. David Shearer (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (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. Gabriel Changson Chang, Deputy Chairperson - NPTC
2. Hon. Gichira Kibara, Chairperson - NCAC
3. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche, Chairperson - CTSAMVM
4. Madame Angelina Teny, Chairperson - SDSR Board
5. Dr. Olaw Adiang Nijok, Head of JTSC Secretariat
6. Lt. Gen. Charles Madut Akol, Chairperson JMCC
7. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson DDRC
8. Mr. William Lochi, NPTC Secretariat

## Observers

1. Mr. Mitsuhiro Toyama (Japan)
2. Mr. Yasser Fergany (Egypt)
3. Mr. Christian Bec (France)
4. Ms. Janika Walter (Germany)
5. Ms. Joane Holliger (Switzerland)
6. Ms. Wanjiku Nyoike (UNHCR)
7. Mr. Urban Sjostrom (Sweden)

The 10<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, JMCC and DDR Commission);
- f) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the NPTC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as amended;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his observations on the recent progress and the key outstanding tasks critical for the timely and smooth formation of the RTGoNU, and endorsed the recommendations therein;
3. **Took note** of the report of the NPTC presented by the Deputy Chairperson Hon. Gabriel Changson Chang, in particular on the progress made in resource mobilisation. In this regard, it appealed to the Incumbent TGoNU to avail sufficient resources to the NPTC, including disbursement of all the outstanding pledged funds, in a timely and predictable manner, to enable the security mechanisms to expedite pending activities;

4. **Thanked** the UNMISS SRSG Hon. David Shearer for his briefing and **welcomed** the planned visit of the UN Security Council to Juba which signals its strong solidarity with the people of South Sudan and **appealed** for its support to the full implementation of the Agreement. In this regard, it also **welcomed** the 886<sup>th</sup> meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council on South Sudan held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and looks forward to its continued engagement and support to the peace process;
5. **Appreciated** the Chairpersons (or their representatives) of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, and **commended** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports in advance. In this regard, it noted the apologies of the JDB for its inability to present its report due to unavoidable circumstances;
6. **Commended** all the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan who have extended support towards the implementation of the Pre-Transitional tasks, namely the AU Commission, Egypt, China, Sudan, Ethiopia, and South Africa, and thanked them for the support. In this regard, it **appealed** to more partners and friends to consider and extend additional support to enable the full implementation of the pending tasks;
7. **Welcomed** the planned IGAD meeting of all the various Special Envoys assigned to South Sudan scheduled to take place in Djibouti, as an opportunity to rally for concerted political support to the peace process in South Sudan, and **encouraged** that the meeting should be used to enable the relevant actors to speak with a common voice and to align their messages and actions;
8. **Welcomed** the progress that has been made by the following institutions and mechanisms since the last RJMEC meeting, namely:
  - a. NCAC for the submission of the Fire Brigade Service Bill, 2019 to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and for the ongoing consultation on the Public Finance Management and economic sector laws;
  - b. CTSAMVM for its ongoing monitoring, verification and reporting on the adherence by Parties to the provisions of the Permanent Ceasefire and transitional security arrangements, as well as progress in the various cantonments sites;
  - c. JMCC for the significant number of forces already registered, the ongoing registration and the cantonment of forces and urged that it should fast-track

- registration, avail adequate forms, and begin screening in all the sites, in particular components for the Police and National Security Service;
- d. JTSC for the recent training of 1,500 trainers as well as for the progress being made in preparation of the designated training centers. In this regard, it urged that training should begin immediately for the selected groups; and
  - e. SDSR Board for the progress being made pursuant to its mandate to complete the security assessment and develop a defence policy for South Sudan; and **appealed** for further progress to be made by all the Agreement institutions and mechanisms.
9. **Welcomed** the Chairperson of the DDR Commission and his deputy to the meeting and took note of his observations on the challenges already facing the newly reconstituted Commission and its appeal for support so that it can discharge its mandate;
10. **Took note** of the reports of CTSAMVM and UNMISS that the Permanent Ceasefire continues to hold and that there is considerable improvement in the overall security situation and humanitarian access, which has resulted in an increasing number of returnees as well as increased food production, even though the humanitarian situation remains dire;
11. **Urged** the JDB, the JMCC and the JTSC to take all necessary steps to expedite the screening, selection and training of the Necessary Unified Forces as well as to ensure their immediate deployment. In this regard, it **instructed** all the relevant security mechanisms to develop revised and realistic timelines and implementation schedule regarding the completion of all the critical pending tasks to inform the preparation towards the timely formation of the RTGoNU. It also **appealed** very strongly to the NPTC to ensure that food, medicine and necessary amenities are provided to the cantoned forces;
12. **Noted with concern** reports of the dire conditions in some of the cantonment sites and urged the Incumbent TGoNU and partners to avail the necessary resources to the cantonment sites in order to ameliorate the conditions;
13. **Expressed serious concern** over the slowed pace of the implementation of the pending critical Pre-Transitional tasks, the missed IGAD Council's deadline for the training and deployment of at least 50% of the Necessary Unified Forces by end of September 2019, and **underlined** its call to the Parties to expedite the

implementation of all critical pending tasks and to ensure that there is a firm foundation upon which the RTGoNU can be established;

14. **Reiterated** its appeal to the Incumbent TGoNU to urgently avail more and adequate resources to the NPTC to resource the security mechanisms to expedite the cantonment of forces, and ensure concurrent screening, selection, training and deployment of the forces; as well as to facilitate the work of the other mechanisms like the NCAC and the DDR Commission;
15. **Called upon** the Parties' designated representatives to urgently meet and resolve all the outstanding issues, especially on the number and boundaries of States, without any further delay. In this regard, it **clarified** that following the inconclusive report of the IBC, the matter of the number and boundaries of states was referred by IGAD to the Parties to resolve and submit a report to the IGAD Summit. It, therefore, **appealed** to all the Parties to meet first, show flexibility, and make compromises in order to make further progress and it **welcomed** the offer by the civil society representatives within the RJMEC to host and facilitate this meeting;
16. **Called** for an urgent meeting of the leadership of all the Parties to the Agreement to be convened by IGAD in order to discuss and agree on what options are available come the 12<sup>th</sup> November deadline. In this regard, it further **requested** President Salva Kiir to convene a meeting of all the Agreement principals in Juba, to coincide with Dr. Riek Machar's planned visit to proactively discuss all outstanding issues and agree on the best way forward;
17. **Appealed** to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan to enhance their financial, political and in-kind support to the full implementation of the R-ARCSS. In this regard, it **appealed** for more funding to CTSAMVM to enable it to effectively discharge its mandate;
18. **Agreed** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting shall be on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019; and
19. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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