



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolutions of the RJMEC

12th RJMEC Meeting

Palm Africa Hotel, 17 December 2019, Juba, South Sudan

The 12th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 17 December 2019 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd).

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

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Michael Makuei (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro (Incumbent TGoNU)
3. Hon. Awut Deng Aculi (Incumbent TGoNU)
4. Hon. Dr. Dhieu Matok (Incumbent TGoNU)
5. Hon. Stephen Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Mrs. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
7. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)
8. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
9. Hon. Wilson Lodiong (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents

1. Mr. Mohamed El-Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith-based leader)
2. Prof. Moses Macar Kacuol (Eminent Person)
3. Ms. Rabha Elis Bandas (Women Coalition)
4. Ms. Mary Akech Bior (Womens Bloc)
5. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)
6. Mr. Rajab Mohandis (CSO Forum)
7. Mr. Angelo Lado Gore (Business Community)
8. Mr. Soro Wilson Serbit (Youth)
9. Ms. Flora Lukudu (Youth)

For the Regional Guarantors

1. Mr. Zelalem Birhan (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Ali Mambo (Kenya)
3. Mr. Mohamed Ali Mohamed (Somalia)
4. H.E. Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (Sudan)
5. H.E. Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
6. H.E. Obinna Chukwuemeka Agbugba (Nigeria)
7. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
8. H.E. Dr. Ismail Wais, IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan
9. Mr. Mlungisi Mbalati (South Africa)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. Mr. Liu Xiaodong (China)
2. H.E. Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. H.E. Thomas Hushek (USA)
4. Ms. Sharon Diaz (UK)
5. Mr. Moustapha Soumare (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. Mr. Micheal L.H. Deelen (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat

1. Ambassador Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff - RJMEC
2. Dr. Chantal Niyokindi, Senior Gender Advisor - RJMEC
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Senior Advisor, Legal and Constitution Affairs - RJMEC

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms

1. Hon. Gichira Kibara-NCAC
2. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche, Chairperson - CTSAMVM
3. Lt. Gen. Thomas Jal - JDB
4. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuo -JDB
5. Hon. Regina Joseph Kaba, DDR Commission
6. Hon. Denay Changor - DSR Board
7. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson JTSC
8. Lt. Gen Charles Madut Akol, Chairperson JMCC

Observers

1. H.E. Seijo Okada (Japan)
2. Mr. Sherif Rabie (Egypt)
3. H.E. Marc Trouyet (France)
4. H.E. Manuel Muller (Germany)

5. Ms. Wanjiku Nyoike (UNHCR)
6. Ms. Paulina Chiwangu (UN Women)

The 12th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) The minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- c) Report from the National Pre-Transitional Committee (NPTC);
- d) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- e) Reports and Action Plans 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 D/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 11th RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 27th November 2019;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson and endorsed the observations and recommendations therein;
3. **Took note** of the report of the NPTC presented by the Secretary Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro, in particular; the confirmation that the NPTC has received the US \$ 40 million to its account; the NPTC has already disbursed about 65% of the funds received to the various implementing mechanisms; that funds were disbursed in accordance with the priority of the critical pending tasks i.e. the screening, selection and training of the forces, and that the mechanisms have all been tasked to review their action plans on account of the lost time, and to submit to the NPTC revised action plans and timelines for implementation of priority tasks. In this regard, it **acknowledged** the commitment expressed by the NPTC to present its accountability report for all the funds and in-kind donations received so far, to the next RJMEC meeting.
4. **Thanked** the UNMISS D/SRSG Mr. Moustapha Soumare for his briefing and also the Chairpersons or representatives of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, and **commended** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports and revised plans in advance;

5. **Congratulated** the Republic of Sudan on the assumption of the Chairmanship of IGAD, wished it every success and **appreciated** the people and government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for their pivotal role in steering the work of IGAD as the Chair for over a decade. In this regard, it **further congratulated** H.E Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu on his appointment as the new Executive Secretary of IGAD, and **sincerely thanked** H.E Ambassador Mahboub Maalim, former Executive Secretary of IGAD for services rendered to the region;
6. **Took note** that 35 days of the 100 days extension period has elapsed with no significant progress made on the implementation of the critical pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period, and **regretted** the delayed disbursement of funds to the mechanisms. In this regard, it **observed** that a lot of time has been lost and **urged** all the mechanisms to immediately embark on their priority tasks and to accomplish as much as possible within the remaining 65 days;
7. **Further welcomed** the visit of H.E. Dr. Riek Machar, Chairperson of the SPLM/A-IO to Juba and his ongoing meetings with H.E. Salva Kiir, President of the Republic of South Sudan, and other stakeholders, and **noted** that Dr. Machar's presence in Juba should contribute in progressing the implementation of the Agreement, especially in resolving the outstanding issues and building further confidence amongst the Parties. In this regard, it **called upon** all the principals to the Agreement to continue their engagement to ensure that further progress is made;
8. **Emphasised** that the outstanding unification of the necessary forces and the resolution of the number of States and their boundaries are particularly critical for the timely formation of the RTGoNU on a solid foundation and for the effective implementation of the Agreement, and **appealed** for demonstrable leadership, political will and compromise for their resolution as well as continuous and predictable release of funding;
9. **Commended** H.E. Dr. Ismail Wais, the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan and H.E. David Mabuza, the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, for convening and facilitating the meeting of the Parties to resolve the issue of the number and boundaries of States respectively, including the valuable input of H.E. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, and for the progress made in narrowing the gaps between the positions of the Parties and **appreciated** them for remaining seized of this matter, and **urged** the leadership of the Parties to expedite their deliberations and reach a compromise on this matter;

10. **Welcomed** the establishment of the Security Supervision Mechanism (SSM) of the guarantors and the Parties to supervise and expedite the implementation of the security arrangements of the Pre-Transitional Period, and **urged** the SSM to engage with all the security mechanisms to take all necessary steps to expedite the screening, selection, training and redeployment of the Necessary Unified Forces without any further delays. In this regard, it **called upon** the SSM to coordinate closely with CTSAMVM, NPTC, RJMEC and IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan to complement its efforts;
11. **Instructed** all the mechanisms that have received funds from the NPTC to prioritise implementation of the critical pending tasks, coordinate their efforts, fast-track schedules and concurrently implement their refined action plans while giving due consideration to accountability and transparency. In this regard, it **called for** the restructuring of the format of the mechanisms reporting to RJMEC to give priority to reporting on the status of implementation of the critical pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional period.
12. **Called upon** the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan to expedite ongoing processes for the resolution of the other outstanding issues, especially on the number and boundaries of States, allocation of ministerial portfolios and engagements with the hold-out groups. In this regard, it **noted with serious concerns** the CTSAMVM report of continued activities of NAS (TC) forces in Greater Equatoria, including alleged attacks and civilian abductions and **reiterated** its appeal to NAS and all hold-out groups to cease hostilities and join the peace process;
13. **Reiterated** its call to the Parties and mechanisms that all tasks which do not cost money, including the complete vacation of civilian centres by the forces should be completed without further delay;
14. **Cognizant** of the dire humanitarian situation resulting from the recent flooding in many parts of the country, leading to loss of life and property, **expressed sympathies** to those affected by the flooding and **appealed** for urgent humanitarian assistance. In this regard, it **expressed serious concerns** following reports from the UNMISS and CTSAMVM of the recent spikes in incidents of humanitarian impediments, including the repeated attacks on the compound of Relief International (RI) in Bunj and the recent killings of three aid workers in Central Equatoria and called for full investigations and swift action against the identified perpetrators.

15. **Called upon** the Parties to adhere fully to the provisions of the Permanent Ceasefire which include cessation of all hostilities and take steps to prevent any attacks on humanitarian personnel and assets. In this regard, it **condemned** the ongoing occupation of 25 civilian properties (24 by SSPDF and 01 by SPLM/A-IO) and the recent alleged abductions of 10 people from Bazumbura Boma by SPLM/A-IO on 27th October 2019 and **called upon** the CTSAMVM to expedite and complete its investigation of all alleged violations and called upon the Parties to take immediate steps to prevent further violations;
16. **Reiterated** its appeal 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 and wished all the people of South Sudan, Merry Christmas and Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year 2020;
17. **Agreed** that the next regular RJMEC meeting will be on the 23rd January 2020; and
18. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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