



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

20th RJMEC Meeting

Beijing Juba Hotel, 09 December 2021
Juba, South Sudan

The 20th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 09 December 2021 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Maj. General Charles Tai Gituai (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 Lueth (ITGoNU)
2. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
3. Mr. Malong Thiik Riny Lual (SSOA)
4. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebet (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Bishop (rtd) Enock Tombe Stephen (Faith-based leader)
2. Mr. Akuoch Ajang (CSO Alliance)
3. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth)
4. Ms. Mary Ajith, (CSO Forum)
5. Dr. Angelina Bazugba (Academia)
6. Ms. Anne Silvestro Tukaia (Business Comm)
7. Ms. Abuk Jarvas Makuac (Business Comm)

For the Regional Guarantors:

1. H.E. Nebil Mahdi (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Grephas Ogutu (Kenya)
3. H.E. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
4. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
5. Mr. Kataps Gaius Keafon (Nigeria)
6. Mr. Gamal M. A. Goraish (Sudan)

7. H.E. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
8. Ms. Rabab Balde (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan:

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
1. H.E. Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
2. Mr. Enrique Gallego (USA)
3. Mr. James Hilton (UK)
4. Mr. Guang Cong (UNMISS)
5. Mr. Dionyz Hochel (EU)
6. Mr. Erich Crompton (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat:

1. Amb. Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff
2. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff - Strategy
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Senior Advisor - Legal and Constitutional Affairs

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms

1. Maj. Gen. Teshome Gemechu Aderie, Chairperson, CTSAMVM
2. Brig. Gen. Arun Pal (rtd), Chief of Staff, CTSAMVM
3. Lt. Gen. Gabriel Duop Lam, Co-Chair, JDB
4. Lt. Gen. Julius Tabuley, Co-Chair, JDB
5. Lt. Gen. Rabi Mujung Emmanuel, representing JDB Chair
6. Hon. Angelina Teny, Chairperson, SDSR Board
7. Col. Ding Lam Yual, Ag. Head of Secretariat, SDSR Board
8. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samsom, Chairperson JTSC
9. Maj. Gen. Dr. Olaw Adiang Nijok, Head of JTSC Secretariat
10. Maj. Gen. Buda John Aban, Ag. Co-Chair JMCC
11. Maj. Wuor Jok, Secretariat JMCC
12. Hon. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson, DDR Commission

Observers

1. H.E. Marc Trouyet (France)
2. Mr. Ahmed Tawfek (Egypt)
3. H.E. Tsutsumi Naohiro (Japan)
4. H.E. Tobias Eichner (Germany)
5. Mr. Peterson Magoola (UN Women)
6. H.E. Erdem Mutfak (Turkey)
7. Mr. Mark Mawar Deng (MoFAIC)

The 20th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) The minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;

- d) Report from the NTC;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS DSRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JMCC, JTSC, and DDR Commission);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS DSRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- h) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS DSRSG, and after considering the reports from the CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSRB, JSTC, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 19th RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 28 October 2021 as amended;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Maj Gen Charles Tai Gituai (rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his detailed review of key milestones achieved in the year 2021, challenges and **endorsed** his recommendations to the RTGoNU to develop a clear roadmap with a timeline for the implementation of the critical pending tasks in the remaining period of the Transitional Period. In this regard, it **acknowledged** the growing concerns over slow pace of implementation of the R-ARCSS, the stalling of the Transitional Security Arrangements, growing public frustrations and **urged** all stakeholders to redouble their efforts in support of full implementation of the R-ARCSS as the only framework to build durable peace in the Republic of South Sudan;
3. **Welcomed** the new Ambassadors to the Republic of South Sudan, namely H.E. Tobias Eichner of Germany, and H.E. Erdem Mutaf of Turkey, both Observers in RJMEC, and **expressed** optimism in a cordial working relationship with both of them;
4. **Bade farewell** to the outgoing South African Ambassador H.E. Gordon M.Yekelo, who was also Chairperson of the RJMEC Security Working Committee, and **thanked** him for his contribution to the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan and his support to the RJMEC mandate; and **wished** him well in his next assignments;
5. **Congratulated** the United Republic of Tanzania upon its 60th independence anniversary, and **wished** the people and Government of the United Republic of Tanzania a happy celebration;
6. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, the UNMISS Deputy SRSR, for his briefing, and all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, JSTC, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, **commended** all the Institutions and Mechanisms of the Agreement which submitted their reports in advance;

7. **Commended** the Interim Chairperson H.E. Maj. General Charles Tai Gituai for his recent high-level diplomatic efforts, including his engagement with key US Government policy makers in Washington D.C., United States, and participation at the Wilton Park meeting in Kampala, Uganda to galvanise regional and international support to the implementation of the Agreement;
8. **Expressed** concerns that both the RTGoNU and NTC representatives were not at the meeting to provide reports to RJMEC as mandated by the Agreement and **requested** RTGoNU to take steps to ensure it meets its reporting obligations to the RJMEC meetings. Further, it **requested** the Interim Chairperson of RJMEC to regularly brief the Executive of the RTGoNU;
9. **Observed** that the RTGoNU is now past the mid-way mark of the timeline of the Transitional Period and the Parties are far behind schedule in implementation of key tasks which raises many concerns and **requested** clarity from the RTGoNU on its plan for the implementation of the outstanding tasks in the coming 14 months, which is the end of the Transitional Period;
10. **Commended** the RJMEC Secretariat and UNITAR on the successful completion last week of a seminar organised for high-level South Sudanese politicians and military Generals under the theme 'Post-Conflict Peacebuilding, Reconstruction and Stabilization' and encouraged the workshop participants to use the knowledge gained during the workshop to expedite the implementation of the Agreement;
11. **Reiterated** its appeal to the IGAD Secretariat to expedite its recruitment procedure of the selected candidates to chair and deputise the Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) and to fast-track the establishment of the JRC;
12. **Welcomed** the recently concluded 5th Governors' Forum which was convened in Juba and its resolutions which uphold and support the full implementation of the Agreement, including devolving more powers and resources to States and Counties as per the R-ARCSS, and for each state to review its constitution in order to conform to the Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 as amended and **encouraged** all the concerned authorities to implement these resolutions;
13. **Expressed** concerns that the reconstituted TNLA has not moved fast enough to enact critical bills needed for implementation of the Peace Agreement; and **regretted** the delayed formation of its specialised committees, **called upon** the ITGoNU and OPP to expedite their nominations to the Committees. Further, it **urged** the reconstituted TNLA to fast-track its handling and enactment of all the bills and **welcomed** the reported assurance from the TNLA that it will not take a prolonged recess as was the practice in its calendar;

14. **Expressed** disappointment that the graduation and redeployment of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) remains stalled as reported by the JDB, **expressed further** disappointment that two months since the Presidency directed the deployment of three screening, organization and unification teams to training centres in preparation for the graduation of Phase 1 of the NUF, nothing happened; and **urged** the RTGoNU to provide facilitation to expedite graduation and redeployment of forces in the training centres, and to provide food, medicines and other essential life support to the cantonment sites;
15. **Urged** the RTGoNU and partners to make financial resources available for the completion of the Transitional Security Arrangements, including graduation and redeployment of unified forces, as well as for DDR programmes, and **appealed** to the leadership of the Parties to urgently resolve the issue of unified command structure of the Necessary Unified Forces;
16. **Commended** the JDB for their efforts in de-escalating the conflict in Tambura and **reiterated** its call to all concerned parties to continue relocating all the warring forces away from Tambura and **urged** the RTGoNU to initiate and promote inter-communal level dialogue and reconciliation;
17. **Expressed** concerns on the three reported incidents of violations involving NAS **forces** in Central Equatoria, as reported by CTSAMVM, and **condemned** any such continued perpetration of violence. In this regard, it **welcomed** the decision of His Excellency, Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, for the RTGoNU to resume talks with SSOMA under the auspices of the Community of Sant'Egidio and **called upon** the parties to implement the Rome Resolutions, and to come to a durable settlement;
18. **Expressed serious concerns** on the reported denial of access to CTSAMVM by the 11 Division of the SSPDF since February 2021 as well as by the Tiger Division, which hinders its capacity to discharge its monitoring and verification roles as mandated by the R-ARCSS, and **urged** the two divisions commanders, the JDB and RTGoNU to immediately provide CTSAMVM access to these facilities and guarantee it unhindered access;
19. **Took note** of the modest progress made in the work of the SDSR Board, including the Strategic Security Assessment and the Security Policy Framework in accordance with Article 2.5.4 of the Revitalized Peace Agreement which will lay the foundation for developing the Strategic Defence and Security Review and **urged** the SDSR Board to fast-track and conclude all the three stages of its work;
20. **Encouraged** by the efforts being made by the RTGoNU to put measures in place to combat sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in South Sudan, including the launch by the JDB on 30 November 2021 of a Committee for the implementation of an action plan for 'Addressing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence';

21. **Noted with concern** the report from UNMISS that in November alone, a further 154,000 people across the country have been affected by flooding, bringing the total number of people facing high levels of food insecurity and poor access to basic services to over 850,000, **commended** all those who have extended assistance to help the flooding situation, and **appealed** for more resources required to alleviate the suffering of those affected. In this regard, it **reiterated** the urgency of establishing the Special Reconstruction Fund (SRF) as provided for in the Agreement to mobilise the requisite resources;
22. **Commended** the Bank of South Sudan for implementing key economic reforms supported by the Staff-Monitored Programme (SMP) that have stabilised the exchange rate, contributed to a significant decline in inflation, and unified the exchange rates in the market, and **urged** the RTGoNU to continue to pursue prudent public financial management and ensure resources are properly allocated and used for the benefit of the people of South Sudan;
23. **Urged** the RTGoNU to continue the process to establish the various enterprises development funds, especially the women and youth enterprises funds, microfinance, and other social safety nets such as subsidised credit, which are critical to improving the livelihoods of many vulnerable South Sudanese;
24. **Appealed** to the RTGoNU and international community to support the work of the Technical Committee on the establishment of the CTRH and to proceed with implementation of all the transitional justice mechanisms as provided for under Chapter V of the R-ARCSS;
25. **Encouraged** the Parties to the RTGoNU to use the holiday season as a period of reflection on what has been achieved in implementation of the R-ARCSS this year, and what remains to be done within the remaining period of the Agreement, and to commence the new year with concrete plans and renewed vigour and determination to bring durable peace, stability and prosperity to the people and country of South Sudan;
26. **Wished** all South Sudanese citizens, Parties to the Agreement, Stakeholders, Partners and Friends of South Sudan a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2022;
27. **Agreed** that the date for the next RJMEC meeting will be communicated by the Secretariat in the new year; and
28. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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