



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

**Resolutions of the
28th RJMEC Meeting**

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 30th March 2023
Juba, South Sudan**

Attendance:

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth (ITGoNU)
2. Hon. Mary Nawai Martin (ITGoNU)
3. Hon. Losuba Ludoru Wongo (SPLM/IO)
4. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/IO)
5. Hon. Peter Mabior Riiny (SSOA)
6. Maj. Gen. Bior Leek Kuareng (FDs)
7. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Rtd. Bishop Enock Stephen Tombe (Faith-based leader)
2. Sheikh Jaralnebi Khamis Mursal (Faith-based leader)
3. Mr. Dabek Mabior Arol (CS Alliance)
4. Mr. Taban A. Christopher (CS Forum)
5. Ms. Nyuon Susan Sebit (Women's Coalition)
6. Ms. Norah Zangabeyo (Women Bloc)
7. Prof. Moses Macar (Eminent Personalities)
8. Dr. Angelina Bazugba (Academia)

9. Ms. Anne Silvestro Tukai (Business Community)
10. Ms. Yar Manoa (Business Community)
11. Mr. Patrick A. Godi (Youth)

For the Regional Guarantors:

1. Mr. Gamal Malik Ahmed Goraish (Sudan)
2. H.E. Nebil M. Abdullahi (Ethiopia)
3. Mr. Hassan Robleh Mohamoud (Djibouti)
4. Mr. Grephas Ogutu (Kenya)
5. H.E. Idule Amoko (Uganda)
6. Mr. Kataps Gaius K. (Nigeria)
7. Mr. Ahmed Hersi (IGAD)
8. Mr. Olubukola Arowubusoye (AUMISS)
9. Mr. Mangoba Mdluli (South Africa)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. H.E. Michael J Adler (USA)
2. H.E. Guy Warrington (UK)
3. H.E. Linken Berryman (Norway)
4. Mr. Mhairi Petersen (Canada/IPF)
5. H.E. Timo Olkkonen (EU)
6. Mr. Ma Wenjun (China)
7. Mr. Guang Cong (UNMISS)

For Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:

1. Mr. James Nguen Nyol (NTC)
2. Gen. Gabriel Duop Lam (JDB)
3. Lt. Gen. Rabi Mujung Emmanuel (JDB)
4. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuol, Head of JDB Secretariat.
5. Hon. Angelina Teny, Chairperson, SDSR-Board
6. Mr. Angelo Madut, Head of SDSR Board Secretariat
7. Maj. Gen Pal Yiech Lam (JMCC), Deputy Head of JMCC Secretariat

8. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson (JTSC)
9. Lt. Gen. Dr. Olaw Adiang Nyijok (JTSC)
10. Col. George Mabe Peter (JTSC)
11. Lt. Gen. Asrat Denero, Chairperson CTSAMVM
12. Hon. Regina Joseph Kaba, Deputy Chairperson, DDR
Commission
13. Hon. Justice James Ogoola - Chairperson JRC

Observers:

1. H.E. Erdem Mutaf (Turkiye)
2. H.E. Leon Kohl (Germany)
3. H.E. Tsutsumi Naohiro (Japan)
4. Mr. Georg Stein (Switzerland)
5. Ms. Fenny Hum (UNWOMEN)
6. Ms. Catherine Waliaula (UNDP)
7. Mr. Flavio Soares Da Gama (AfDB)
8. Mr. Mohamed Elbadry (Egypt)
9. Lt. Col. Nathan Akankunda (SSM)
14. Amb. Aida Wande (MOFA/IC)

For RJMEC Secretariat:

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

The 28th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC on Transitional Security Arrangements;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS DSGSR;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (NCAC, PFM -Oversight Committee, CTSAMVM, JRC, JDB, SDSR Board, JMCC, 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 the UNMISS DSRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, NTC, JRC, CTSAMVM, JDB, JTSC, JMCC, SDSRB, and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 27th RJMEC meeting with minor amendments;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his assessment of the status of implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement two months into the extended Transitional Period, as per the Roadmap, updates on the recent developments in the peace process, including progress registered, recurrent challenges, critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;
3. **Welcomed** Hon. Losuba Ludoru Wongo, Minister for Federal Affairs who attended on behalf of the SPLM/A-IO and requested him to share the ministerial policy document on federalism with the RJMEC members;
4. **Welcomed** the report of the RTGoNU presented by Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, Minister of Information, Telecommunications and Postal Services on the status of the implementation of the Agreement and **took note** of its update that the RTGoNU High-Level Standing Committee on the implementation of the Agreement, in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, are in advanced stages in the process of reconstituting the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) and the Political Parties Council, and **requested** the RTGoNU representative to kindly invite the

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to brief the next RJMEC meeting on progress in this regard;

5. **Took note** of the report from the NTC presented by the Secretariat and **commended** its efforts which led to the agreement on unification of command at the mid-level echelons. In this regard, **expressed serious concerns** over the lack of funding to the NTC which has hampered its efforts to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements and unification of forces, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to provide adequate and predictable funding to the NTC and mechanisms of the Agreement;
6. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, the UNMISS DSRSG, for his briefing, including detailed updates on the extension of the UNMISS mandate for another year, the current humanitarian situation, protection of civilians as per its mandate, all his observations on the status of implementation of the Agreement, including recent developments in the peace process, and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU in this regard;
7. **Observed** that the RTGoNU has now entered the second month of the 24-month extended Transitional Period, as per the Roadmap, with elections expected to be conducted in December 2024 and **reminded** the RJMEC members of their responsibility to keep track of these timelines and to constantly remind the RTGoNU and the Parties of their mandate and urgent responsibility, to expedite the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement in letter and spirit;

8. **Welcomed** the ongoing dialogue between the ITGoNU and SPLM/A-IO over the disputed Presidential Decree relieving the two national ministers of Defence and Veterans Affairs and Interior of their duties and swapping the two ministries between the ITGoNU and the SPLM/A-IO, and **encouraged** the two parties to continue to consult and dialogue in the spirit of collegial collaboration and consensus to address emerging issues during implementation of the Revitalize Peace Agreement.
9. **Appreciated** the swift efforts by the IGAD Leadership, in particular H.E. Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Sudan's high-level delegation, and all the other partners and friends of South Sudan through their quick interventions and support to the parties to find amicable solutions to the disputed March 3rd, 2023 Presidential Decree, within the framework of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. In this regard, **appreciated** the efforts of all the IGAD countries' resident ambassadors in Juba for their effective coordination with RJMEC and **appealed** that the regional efforts should continue so the matter is resolved in a consultative and collegial manner, and the spirit of the Agreement;
10. **Commended** the RTGoNU Council of Ministers for the adoption of the revised National Security Services Amendment Bill and **urged** the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to urgently table the Bill before the reconstituted Transitional National Legislature (TNL) for enactment, and **appealed** to the reconstituted TNL to expedite consideration and enactment of this Bill and all the others currently pending before the TNL;
11. **Welcomed** the resumption of sittings the reconstituted TNL on Monday 27th March 2023, **reminded** them that a lot of work

remains to be done in terms of legislative agenda in support of the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, and **welcomed** the statement of H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit at the opening, in which the urgency of implementation of the Agreement was stressed and the assurance given that there will be no further extension to the Transitional Period. In this regard, **reiterated** the President's call for redoubling of efforts and cooperation among the Parties to ensure completion of the Transitional Period tasks as scheduled, and **expressed optimism** that this commitment will translate into availing the necessary resources to ensure the full and timely implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement;

12. **Appreciated** all chairpersons and/or representatives of the JRC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSRB, JMCC, JTSC, and DDR Commission for their reports, **took note** of the reported progress and/or lack thereof, challenges identified and endorsed all their recommendations;
13. **Welcomed** the resumption of the Rome Talks between the RTGoNU and the holdout groups in Rome, Italy, and **encouraged** the parties to engage in genuine dialogue and demonstrate their commitment towards an inclusive peace process by adhering to all previous resolutions reached in this regard.
14. **Took note** of the progress achieved since the last plenary, including:
 - a. Endorsement of the National Security Service Amendment Bill by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers;
 - b. The agreement on the unification of the second tier/echelon of the command of the unified forces across the security

- institutions with a 60:30:10 ratio for the ITGoNU, SPLM/A-IO and SSOA respectively;
- c. Commencement of preparation for Phase II of the NUF by JMCC and other security mechanisms;
 - d. The Curriculum Development Guide for the Necessary Unified Police Forces to sustain professionalism;
 - e. Curriculum review process regarding Election Security to prepare the National Police to discharge its responsibilities in the upcoming elections; and
 - f. Commencement of public consultations by the JRC on appropriate judicial reforms, with key stakeholders including the South Sudan Bar Association, Women Groups, and other professional groups;
15. **Reiterated** its appeal to the RTGoNU to expedite the operationalization of all the enacted laws, especially by urgently reconstituting the Political Parties Council and the National Constitutional Review Commission;
16. **Expressed serious concerns** over the boycott by the NCAC national members over the non-payment of their allowances given that the NCAC still has six laws to review before their mandate ends in May 2023. In this regard, **urged** the RTGoNU to urgently pay allowances to the national members of the NCAC and all other mechanisms to facilitate their smooth and effective operations.

17. **Regretted** that CSTAMVM's effective operations continue to be hampered by the continuing boycott by some national members, especially from SPLM/A-IO and SSOA, on account of their lack of facilitation, despite increasing reports of allegations of ceasefire violations. As a result, CTSAMVM remains unable to monitor and verify allegations of violation in Upper Nile State and other parts of the country. In this regard, **urged** the concerned parties to proactively engage the RTGoNU to ensure that their members urgently return to work;
18. **Noted with concerns** reports from all the Agreement implementation mechanisms, in particular, the NTC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, DDRC, and JMCC decrying the lack of adequate funding to facilitate their work, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to urgently consider and avail adequate and predictable funding to all the mechanisms, and **further appealed** to the partners and friends of South Sudan to consider this dire funding situation, and to provide possible support. In this regard, **applauded** the commitment expressed by the representative of Norway and the EU delegation to continue supporting CTSAMVM and RJMEC and their encouragement to the RTGoNU, IGAD and all the national stakeholders to play their part through effectively participating in the work of the two monitoring mechanisms;
19. **Condemned** the several reported cases of attacks on humanitarian convoys, facilities, and personnel, as well as looting of humanitarian supplies, and access denial for humanitarian workers, and **urged** the RTGoNU to urgently take steps to provide security along humanitarian corridors, protect humanitarian workers and their assets, and to hold perpetrators to account;

20. **Encouraged** by the steady commitment to Public Financial Management (PFM) reforms, including ongoing efforts to publish budget execution reports, and oil revenue data, and **urged** the RTGoNU to expedite the enactment of the Public Financial Management and Accountability Bill and the Petroleum Revenue Management Bill;
21. **Urged** the RTGoNU to undertake the remaining phase of public consultations with refugees and complete the drafting of the CTRH and CRA legislations, and **encouraged** the RTGoNU and the African Union Commission to urgently meet and agree on a clear plan for the establishment of the Hybrid Court for South Sudan;
22. **Regretted** the lack of progress in the constitution-making process three months since the Constitution-making Process Act 2022 was assented to, and **appealed** to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to urgently guide the Parties and Stakeholders regarding the nominations of their representatives to the relevant constitution-making bodies;
23. **Recommended** that the RTGoNU urgently undertakes the following remedial actions:
 - a) continue to consult and dialogue in the spirit of collegial collaboration and consensus to address emerging issues during the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, and concerning the decision to swap the Ministry of Defense and Veteran Affairs and the Ministry of Interior, to do so by the letter and spirit of the Agreement, including by respecting the “gender quota of 35%” in the Executive of the RTGoNU;
 - b) provide adequate, timely, and predictable funding to all the pending Roadmap tasks and urgently convene a meeting

- with all the Agreement implementation and coordination mechanisms (High-Level Standing Committee, NTC, NCAC, JRC, JDB, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, DDRC, JTSC, and JMCC, with RJMEC participation to discuss and determine practical options going forward. In this regard, requested the RTGoNU to brief the next RJMEC meeting on funding the implementation of the R-ARCSS;
- c) operationalize all the enacted laws, particularly those related to the permanent constitution and elections processes, expedite the reconstitution of the Political Parties Council, and the establishment of the bodies under the Constitution-Making Process Act 2022, and expedite the passage and enactment of the National Elections Bill;
 - d) expedite the redeployment of the graduated forces, commence Phase 2 of the unification of forces, and begin Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration (DDR);
 - e) facilitate the national members of CTSAMVM, NCAC, JRC, and all mechanisms of the Revitalized Peace Agreement;
 - f) enact and operationalize all PFM-related bills to facilitate the reforms and to improve transparency and accountability, expedite the convening of the Economic Conference and complement it with the establishment of the Special Reconstruction Fund and Board and the convening of the Pledging Conference for South Sudan to raise funds for the full implementation of the Agreement; and
 - g) complete the process of drafting the CTRH and CRA legislation and submit them to the reconstituted TNL for enactment and engage the AU Commission to discuss modalities for the establishment of the Hybrid Court for South Sudan;

24. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be on 11th of May 2023; and
25. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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