



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE RECONSTITUTED JOINT MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMMISSION (RJMEC) HELD ON 29TH MAY 2019

AT PALM AFRICA HOTEL, JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN

The 6th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) was convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 29th May 2019. The meeting was chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K Njoroge (Rtd) who called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayers
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson
4. Report from the NPTC
5. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
6. Briefing from UNMISS SRSG
(Media Excused)
7. Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:
 - i. NCAC
 - ii. CTSAMVM
 - iii. JDB
 - iv. SDSR Board
 - v. JTSC
 - vi. JMCC
8. Discussion on:
 - i. Interim Chair Statement, NPTC, UNMISS SRSG
 - ii. Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanism
9. Date for the Next Meeting
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 - i. Delays in the reports of the Agreement Mechanisms
 - ii. Strengthening the reports of the Agreement Mechanisms
11. Resolutions of the meeting
12. Closing Prayers

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

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth (Incumbent TGoNU)
3. Hon. Awut Deng Acuil (Incumbent TGoNU)
4. Hon. Dhieu Mathok Ding (Incumbent TGoNU)
5. Hon. Sophia Pal Gai (Incumbent TGoNU)
6. Amb. Stephen Par Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
7. Mrs. Sandra Bol Malual (SPLM/A-IO)
8. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)

9. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
10. Hon Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Rev. John Okumu (Faith-based leader)
2. Mr. Mohamed Hassan Morjan (Faith-based leaders)
3. Prof Moses Macar, (Eminent Personality)
4. Prof. Francis Deng, (Eminent Personality)
5. Ms. Ayak Ngor Malek (Women's Bloc)
6. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)
7. Mr. Biel Boutros Biel (CSO Forum)
8. Mr. Simon Akuei Deng (Business Community)
9. Prof. Onesmo Yabang (Academia)
10. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth).

For the Regional Guarantors:

1. H.E. Teferi Taddesse Heigyane (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Gilbert Ngeno (Kenya)
3. H.E. Hussein Haji Ahmed (Somalia)
4. H.E. Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (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. Mr. Tesfaye Negassa (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Ms. Signe Gilen Guro (Norway)
3. Mr. Charles Moore (UK)
4. H.E. Thomas Hushek (USA)
5. Mr. Alain Noudehou (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. H.E. Janeth Alberda (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat:

1. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff (Strategy) - RJMEC
2. Dr. Job Akuni, Governance - RJMEC

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:

1. Hon. Henry Odwar, Co-Chairperson NPTC
2. Mr. Godfrey Gichira Kibara, Chairperson - NCAC
3. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche, Chairperson - CTSAMVM
4. Gen. James Koang, Co-Chairperson - JDB
5. Mr. Denay J. Chagor, Co-Chairperson SDSR - Board
6. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson JTSC
7. Maj. Gen. Genesio Moro, Head of JMCC Secretariat

Observers:

1. H.E. Jan Hendrick van Thiel (Germany)
2. H.E. Dr. Ahmed Bahaa Eldin (Egypt)
3. Ms. Joane Holliger (Switzerland)
4. H.E. Seiji Okada (Japan)

Min. 01/05/19: Opening Prayers

1. The opening prayer was led by Rev. John Okumu, representatives of the Faith-based leaders and Cdr Rajab Nagon Ajamol, JDB Co-Chairperson.

Min. 02/05/19: Adoption of the Agenda

2. The draft agenda was adopted without any amendments.

Min. 03/05/19: Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson

3. In his statement the RJMEC Interim Chairperson:
 - 3.1. welcomed members to the 6th RJMEC meeting and informed them of the resolution of the Parties for an extension of the Pre-Transitional period by additional six months, effective 12th May 2019 to allow completion of the implementation of critical pending Pre-Transitional tasks, a decision endorsed by the IGAD Council of Minister. Also, he noted that the extension was necessitated by the failure to implement critical agreed tasks in accordance with the timelines of the Peace Agreement;
 - 3.2. informed members following the directive from the IGAD Council of Ministers, the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan and RJMEC convened a workshop for the transitional security mechanisms to prepare a roadmap for expediting the implementation of the pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period;
 - 3.3. further informed members that the 83,000 Necessary Unified Forces (NUFs), as agreed by the Parties, shall constitute the military, the national police, state police, the national security service, the prisons and wildlife services, and the fire brigade, shall be selected, trained and deployed. Also, the government and opposition forces shall contribute equal numbers to the military element of NUF;
 - 3.4. reported that the NPTC is committed to continue providing office space and logistical support to the mechanisms of the Agreement, and that the latter would continue utilizing government assets, such as engineering, logistic and medical resources to support the cantonment, selection, training, and deployment of NUFs;
 - 3.5. noted that a Joint Procurement Committee and the NPTC are committed to provide the necessary support and oversight to the security mechanisms, and urged all implementing institutions to do much more during the extended period;
 - 3.6. noted that the I-TGoNU had disbursed USD 2 million through the NPTC to the Joint Defense Board to facilitate the security mechanisms to operationalize cantonment of forces, and encouraged by the report of the delivery of food items to some cantonment sites from the Republic of Sudan;
 - 3.7. recommended that ITGoNU should request the IGAD member states, the Regional and International Partners, as well as Friends of South Sudan for requisite experts on security and logistics;

- 3.8. reiterated the appeal for unhindered access to be granted to CTSAMVM to enable it verify troops numbers and locations, as these data is critical for planning for the unification of all forces;
- 3.9. commended the I-TGoNU for pledging further USD 100 million for financing the implementation of the critical tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period and appealed to the latter to disburse it to the NPTC in a timely and predictable manner, and the NPTC also to do the same in a transparent manner and as per the operational plans and timelines of the security mechanisms;
- 3.10. emphasized the need to prioritize operationalization of cantonment, selection, training, and deployment of NUFs; and
- 3.11. urged greater facilitation by the ITGoNU and the international community for ongoing tasks such as delivery of humanitarian assistance, and the voluntary and safe return of refugees and IDPs.

Min. 04/05/19: Report from NPTC

4.0 In its report submitted to the RJMEC members, the NPTC:

- 4.1 commended implementation mechanisms for their ongoing work pursuant to their mandate and pledged continued facilitation by NPTC;
- 4.2 informed members that the security mechanisms shall operationalize cantonment sites with effect from the 15th June 2019, and that the JDB and JMCC are coordinating the logistics for the same;
- 4.3 further informed the members that it had begun reviewing the budgets of all mechanisms of the Agreement to conform to the extended timelines for completing the tasks of the Pre-Transitional period;
- 4.4 stated that it is operating the Partners Account at the KCB and that the USD 1 million donation from the Government of Japan channeled to the NPTC was dedicated to facilitate travel expenses;
- 4.5 reported that the Constitutional Amendment Bill (2019) which incorporated the R-ARCSS into Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 (as amended) was withdrawn from the TNLA to enable NCAC incorporate the six months extension period accordingly;
- 4.6 informed members that the NPTC launched its Humanitarian Coordination Unit to operationalize Chapter III of the R-ARCSS, and that it also developed a draft joint R-ARCSS dissemination strategy to be validated by the stakeholders. In addition, it planned to disseminate the Agreement to the South Sudanese in the neighbouring countries of Sudan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, and in the diaspora;
- 4.7 commended RJMEC for availing 1000 copies of the R-ARCSS to NPTC and UNMISS for facilitating its dissemination Unit, including in reaching out to Malakal and Kapoeta;
- 4.8 informed members of the NPTC's intentions to meet with the traditional leaders, faith-based groups and civil society within the country as well as in IDP and refugee camps to develop a roadmap for healing and reconciliation;

- 4.9 reported less security incidents across the county with exception to minor skirmishes by NAS in Lainya, Yei River area, and some communal fights in Bahr el Ghazal;
- 4.10 Further reported that NPTC had secured offices at a very reasonable cost at the South Sudan Hotel and that all the mechanisms would operate from one location; and
- 4.11 urged the AU, IGAD and International community should exert efforts to support R-ARCSS implementation process in the interest of the interest Regional, Continental and international

Min. 05/05/19: Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting

- 5.0 The minutes of the 5th RJMEC meeting held on 12th April 2019 was reviewed and adopted with an amendment made to paragraph 4.6 by deleting the word “little”.

Min. 06/05/19: Briefing from UNMISS SRSG

- 6.0 In his briefing to the RJMEC plenary, the Deputy UNMISS SRSG:

- 6.1 commended the Parties for reaching consensus to extend the Pre-Transitional Period by six, and noted the commitment by the incumbent TGoNU to make available an additional USD 100 million to support the pending critical Pre-Transitional tasks;
- 6.2 welcomed efforts by the IGAD Special Envoy and RJMEC Interim Chairperson for convening security mechanisms workshop and expressed the need for collective efforts to constructively discuss and agree on the most critical tasks, to resolve related blockage and ensure effective implementation;
- 6.3 reiterated UNMISS’ ongoing efforts in supporting reconciliation, trust building between Parties, communities and facilitated by the local authorities and its continued support to the peace process, including to CTSAMVM; IBC and SDRS Board;
- 6.4 informed members that the humanitarian situation in South Sudan was still serious with 5.7 million people targeted by the UN Humanitarian Response Plan for 2019. However, he took note of the improved humanitarian access due to improved security and a decrease in the number of roadblocks across the country;
- 6.5 took note of an inclusive Humanitarian Coordination Unit launched on 10th May and commended the Parties for the steps taken to jointly facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people of South Sudan;
- 6.6 informed members of the National Framework on return, reintegration, and relocation for displaced persons that has been endorsed and that it provides critical policy guidance for the Parties to prepare the groundwork for returnees;
- 6.7 commended the coordination between the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and UNHCR in monitoring spontaneous refugee returns, noting that at least 30 teams had been established and trained accordingly; and

6.8 appealed to members to develop a roadmap for implementation of the most critical Pre-Transitional tasks to facilitate a clear sequencing of actions and monitoring progress.

Min. 07/05/19: Reports from Agreement Mechanisms

i) National Constitutional Amendment Committee (NCAC)

7.1. In his report to the Plenary, the NCAC Chairperson:

- 7.1.1. reported that the Committee had completed the review of four security sector laws as provided for under Chapter 1, Article 1.18.1.2 of the R-ARCSS and handed over the four Security Bills to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of the incumbent TGoNU;
- 7.1.2. informed members that NCAC had completed drafting the National Security Service Act, 2014 (Amendment) Bill 2019 and completed the review and amendment of the *Political Parties Act, 2012* and both would be presented to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; and
- 7.1.3. observed that following the extension of the Pre-Transition Period, the Committee will proceed with the tasks allocated under the R-ARCSS including the drafting of a Fire Brigade Act and review of the economic and financial sector laws.

ii) Ceasefire Transitional Monitoring Verification Mechanism (CTSAMVM)

7.2. In his report to the plenary, the CTSAMVM Chairperson:

- 7.2.1 observed that the Permanent Ceasefire held in most parts of the country despite a few minor incidents which had led to tension in the Yuai and Terekeka areas, noting that the Yei area was relatively quiet apart from a few security incidents in late April allegedly attributed to NAS forces allied to Gen. Thomas Cirillo;
- 7.2.2 noted that the extension of the Pre-Transitional Period presents both opportunities and challenges for the implementation of the security provisions of the R-ARCSS, noting that it was encouraged by the commitment of the security mechanisms working on detailed plans on how best to move forward;
- 7.2.3 informed members that CTSAMVM will prioritize the 1) verification of cantonment activities, such as screening, DDR and other activities associated with cantonment; 2) verification of unified forces, their training, and redeployment; 3) continued verification of the permanent ceasefire, including the vacation of civilian buildings; and 4) investigation of alleged violations including allegations of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), use of child soldiers and recruitment;
- 7.2.4 reported that the 10th CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) met in Juba on 25-26 April 2019 which was preceded by a workshop held with CTSAMVM Team Leaders and the CTC Party representatives to discuss the Terms of Reference for the MVT's and National Monitors;

- 7.2.5 stated the outcomes of the meeting as follows:(a) occupied civilian facilities must be vacated immediately and the Parties to report to the MVTs for verification; (b) Parties should allow the MVTs free access during verification, across all units and formations and the Parties must respond to the list of access denials; (c) CTSAMVM will prioritize verification of cantonment and develop information sharing on cantonment between the JDB, JMCC, the Parties and field commanders to ensure smooth monitoring and verification of the cantonment areas by CTSAMVM;
- 7.2.6 reported that the 6th CTSAMVM Board meeting was convened on 9 May 2019 in Juba, and that it urged the Parties to cooperate fully with CTSAMVM, in particular by allowing CTSAMVM full freedom of movement and access, take positive action to remove military and security personnel from all civil buildings, put in place accountability measures for those culpable of SGBV violations and act on recommendations made by CTSAMVM;
- 7.2.7 further reported that since the last RJMEC meeting, CTSAMVM has been forced to scale down on its work due to serious resource constraints, and urged NPTC and RJMEC to intervene in that regard;
- 7.2.8 appreciated support from donor countries, particularly, the European Union, United States of America, China and Japan in their efforts to alleviate CTSAMVM financial challenges. However, he noted that funding shortfalls remain the main challenge and urged the international community to immediately address the shortfalls;
- 7.2.9 noted that the Luri incident remained unsettled as CTSAMVM had yet to receive a comprehensive report from incumbent TGoNU. Also, he reported that on 14 May 2019 CTSAMVM carried out a Joint Field Visit to Luri and met with the Acting Chief of Training and other personnel assigned to the Centre who informed them that a senior NSS officer was in custody as a result of the December 2018 incident;
- 7.2.10 noted that the Acting Chief of Training in Luri insisted on prior notification before any monitoring activity is conducted at that centre. He, however, observed that under the R-ARCSS CTSAMVM does not need advance notification on its movements and monitoring destinations. He urged Parties to provide CTSAMVM with full and free movement and also appealed for RJMEC's support;
- 7.2.11 reported that the Terms of Reference for the Board and the CTSAMVM Technical Committee submitted to the IGAD Council of Ministers and RJMEC for endorsement remain outstanding and urged the RJMEC leadership to quickly endorse them accordingly; and
- 7.2.12 condemned the recent articles appearing in the Dawn Newspaper containing accusations and propaganda against CTSAMVM, and in that regard called upon the Parties and stakeholders to reaffirm their commitment to support CTSAMVM and its operational modalities.

iii) Joint Defence Board (JDB)

- 7.3. the Co-Chairperson of the Joint Defence Board:

- 7.3.1. informed members on the general security situation in the country was calm with areas previously known for clashes such as Yei, Wau and Nasir were peaceful over the last one month;
- 7.3.2. reported on the funding received amounting to USD 2 million from NPTC on behalf of all the mechanisms and that it disbursed the funding to the security mechanisms;
- 7.3.3. informed members that all security mechanisms had been directed to immediately commence their work as planned and that it had directed all forces and local government throughout the country to cooperate with the implementation of the security-related activities;
- 7.3.4. further informed members of its intention to conduct confidence building and sensitization visits to Western Equatoria and Bahr el Ghazal regions;
- 7.3.5. cautioned that the funds received meant for the establishment of the mechanisms is not enough to accomplish all planned activities and that while USD 100 million has been pledged, funds are yet to be received by NPTC.
- 7.3.6. recommended continuous mobilization of resources to support speedy implementation of the planned activities of the mechanisms. Further urged confidence building amongst mechanisms to harmonize good coordination and cooperation, and the NPTC to provide office space, facilities, and equipment and disburse remaining funding towards cantonment activities and
- 7.3.7. encouraged incumbent TGoNU, NPTC, and RJMEC to continue engaging the International Partners and Friends of South Sudan and those who are willing to support the Peace Agreement to do so.

iv) Strategic Defence and Security Review Boards (SDSR -Board)

7.4. In his report the SDSR Board Co-Chairperson:

- 7.4.1. informed members on its participation to the two days' workshop of the joint security mechanisms;
- 7.4.2. reported that the Secretariat held a one-day meeting to update members of the SDSR-Board, technical Advisors on activities done by the Secretariat to review its work plan. The Board further approved both the work plan and the data collection tools for the strategic security assessment;
- 7.4.3. further reported on a gender-mainstreaming workshop organized by the RJMEC Gender Advisor and UN Women to build the capacity of the Board and its Secretariat in the integration of gender into defence and security sector policies. He further stated that the Board held a two-day workshop on best practices, and acquainted its members on processes, approaches and best practices, including military doctrine, SDSR framework in South Sudan, as well as Security Sector Reform (SSR) and DDR; and
- 7.4.4. informed members of its engagement with the Civil Society Organizations as part of the strategic security assessment in an effort to solicit views of

different stakeholders regarding the current security challenges and their aspirations for the security sector. Also, the Board and its Secretariat attended a workshop organized by the Joint Transitional Security Committee (JTSC) to discuss and share views on the curriculum development for the unified necessary forces.

v) Joint Transitional Security Committee (JTSC)

7.5. In his report, the Co-Chairperson of the JTSC:

- 7.5.1. informed members on the progress made by the Committee including setting eligibility criteria for individuals willing to serve in the unified security forces, decision made to train 83,000 Necessary Unified Forces in the first phase including VIP protection forces;
- 7.5.2. stated that, the Committee agreed on sixteen (16) Training centers, developed the detailed work plan and submitted the work plan to NPTC as well as convened a training curricula development workshop;
- 7.5.3. reported on the unaccomplished tasks that should have been implemented, including recruiting staff for the Secretariat, developing the syllabus for the training of forces, purchase of screening and training equipment. The Committee had not managed to identify all training centers as agreed, and appealed to NPTC to provide mobility shelters, medicine, and food, mobilizing and identifying instructors as well as accelerating operationalization of the cantonment sites to ensure proper screening of forces in the cantonment sites to select eligible candidates is implemented;
- 7.5.4. further reported the lack of office space and that it received Secretariat materials and support from the RJMEC. The Committee appealed for expert advisors to build the JTSC capacity of its members to further support designing of the JTSC Doctrine and Slogan for the Necessary Unified Forces. It noted the need for the duration of the training to be determined; and
- 7.5.5. commended the leadership of the Parties for the commitment demonstrated in agreeing to an extension of the Pre-Transitional Period and further urged the latter to implement the Agreement in letter and spirit.;

vi) Joint Military Ceasefire Commission (JMCC)

7.6. In his report, the JMCC Head of Secretariat:

- 7.6.1. reported that JMCC members held eight (8) ordinary and two extra-ordinary meetings where the team briefed the JDB on the progress and challenges faced on the implementation of the security arrangements;
- 7.6.2. informed the RJMEC members that JMCC had received funding from JDB for office equipment, mobility, cantonment site verification and transportation, training, and redeployment of the AJMCCC and JMTC. Further thanked RJMEC and CTSAMVM for their support and advise rendered on a daily basis. CTSAMVM, for instance, had accepted establishing the first cantonment model to be used as an example to other cantonments to be established;

- 7.6.3. observed that the Site Verification Committee traveled for 9 days to assess and verify the agreed cantonment sites. Once JMCC received the reports, a cantonment management committee would be formed followed by official operationalization /establishment of the cantonment sites for forces to officially move to the cantonment sites;
- 7.6.4. commended the NPTC for distributing food items to different cantonment sites in Upper Nile. However, recommended same food supply to be availed to cantonment sites in Equatoria and Bahr el Ghazal for JMCC work to move uniformly.
- 7.6.5. reported on the challenges faced by the JMCC that slows down execution of its activities such as political interference, time limitations, delay in availing required resources;
- 7.6.6. further highlighted that JMCC has a limitation of time to 30th May 2019 and urged to receive funding as early as possible to be able to execute JMCC activity on time. Further urged for minimum bureaucracies to allow JMCC cope with its activity timelines;
- 7.6.7. urged NPTC to avail the necessary funds to allow JMCC implement planned tasks as mandated and in accordance with the Chapter II of the R-ARCSS and the modified work plan. Further requested the Parties to refrain from interfering in the technical work of JMCC but rather support them to ensure it accomplishes planned activities; and
- 7.6.8. requested RJMEC to avail cantonment expert to advise JMCC so as to cope with the demand to operationalize cantonment sites and other activities.

Min. 08/05/19: Discussions

- 8.0 During the deliberations which followed the statements and presentation of reports, the RJMEC members
 - 8.1 welcomed the statement of H.E. Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, the briefing of Mr. Alain Noudehou, the Deputy SRSG UN RC/HC, and commended the Agreement institutions and mechanisms (NPTC, CTSAMVM, NCAC, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC) for their implementation status reports to the 6th RJMEC monthly meeting;
 - 8.2 welcomed the decision of the Parties, endorsed by the IGAD Council of Ministers to extend the Pre-Transitional Period of the R-ARCSS by six months with effect from 12th May 2019 to enable the Parties to conclude implementation of the critical activities within the extended period, and urged the Parties to expedite the implementation of all the pending Pre-Transitional tasks;
 - 8.3 took note of the Civil Society representative's dissatisfaction with the extension of the Pre – Transitional Period and noted that the latter expressed its intention to take legal action by going to Courts of law to seek redress on the matter as according to them, the procedures used to effect the extension were wrong and the extension itself was not in favour of the overall South Sudanese population;

- 8.4 welcomed the pledge by the Incumbent TGoNU to avail USD 100 million to finance the implementation of the key critical tasks of the extended Pre - Transitional Period of the R-ARCSS, and appreciated the initial disbursement of USD 2 million to the Joint Defense Board to commence the cantonment of forces, and urged the Incumbent TGoNU to expedite the release of additional funds to enable timely implementation of the tasks.
- 8.5 appreciated the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan and RJMEC for timely co-convening the workshop of the transitional security mechanisms, pursuant to the directive of the IGAD Council of Ministers, to determine clear implementation schedules of the pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period;
- 8.6 discussed and appreciated the Parties for reaching an agreement on the size of the Necessary Unified Forces of 83,000 that includes; the military, the National Police, State Police, the National Security Service, the Prisons Services, Wildlife Services, and the Fire Brigade, and further welcomed their agreement on the ratio of 50% Government contributions and 50% contributions from the opposition to the Necessary Unified Forces;
- 8.7 appealed to the Incumbent TGoNU to urgently request the IGAD Member States, regional and International Partners, as well as Friends of South Sudan to consider providing security and logistical expertise to the transitional security mechanisms;
- 8.8 appreciated the report of the launch of the Humanitarian Coordination Unit of the NPTC aimed at operationalization of Chapter III of the R-ARCSS, to include providing relief coordination, transportation of the internally displaced persons and repatriation of refugees; and report of the enhanced national framework for return and reintegration of returnees, refugees and internally displaced persons. Called on the I-TGoNU to further coordinate with the UN agencies for a dignified return home of returnees and IDP's;
- 8.9 requested that all forces withdraw from civilian centres by 15th June 2019, and requested CTSAMVM to verify the same fact. They further called on CTSAMVM and members of the security-related institutions undertake regular joint field visits to the cantonment sites, to be reported to the RJMEC Monthly meeting.
- 8.10 noted that reports to the RJMEC monthly meetings should cover events within the reporting period only and further highlighted that despite reports of hindered access and no freedom of movement, there were no official reports that had been received from the Government on this matter;
- 8.11 a representative of ITGoNU commenting on the availability and dispatch of the implementation funds noted that the mechanisms have not spent what has been allocated to them yet and made reports of their expenditures and implementation but they were still demanding for more allocation. He added that the government had no problem releasing the funds but would rather follow proper and due procedures;
- 8.12 members were informed that 32 offices had already been secured in South Sudan hotel to be occupied by the agreement institutions and mechanisms and they had been informed to move but by the day of the meeting, only the NPTC had already moved and occupied their allocated office space. This was welcomed as a positive development that would go a long way in solving the problem of lack of office space;

- 8.13 members expressed concern that all reports presented to the RJMEC monthly meeting must be signed;
- 8.14 The representative of the youth urged that the reports of the Agreement institutions and mechanisms should also focus on expenditures for the cash released so far, economical use of the available resources to obtain results and emphasized on awareness within the country. He further expressed that the return of IDPs and refugees should be voluntary and dignified and also called for all concerned persons and parties to do things differently to achieve better results this time round;
- 8.15 appreciated the CTSAMVM's report that the ceasefire has been generally holding in most parts of the country, with exceptions of minor incidents which led to tension in Yei and Terekeka areas; and called for urgent need for funding to CTSAMVM especially to enable full involvement of National Monitors in all CTSAMVM verifications missions, adding that the sidelining of the National Monitors and having the International Monitors alone creates the question on the credibility of CTSAMVM and makes its reports irrelevant without national Monitors.
- 8.16 the representative of the business community encouraged members to also focus on what went wrong in the first eight months of the Pre-Transitional period and aim at working hard to meet the shortfalls of the last 8 months with a clear focus on the implementation. He noted that the commodity prices in the market have gone up and the exchange rate has also shot high which could only be rectified if all parties work hard towards seeing an improved economy;
- 8.17 The eminent Personality Member noted that complete inclusivity has been achieved in the national dialogue following retreat held in South Africa and the bottom-up approach taken by the National Dialogue. He said that it is a critical time to see that the two processes of national dialogue and peace process get complementary;
- 8.18 The US Ambassador appreciated the works of the mechanisms and also welcomed the contribution of the civil society and noted that it was dangerous to brand the civil society as members of the "Red Card" movement;
- 8.19 The South African Ambassador called for unity of purpose and commitment of the Parties to be focused on the implementation of the agreement and look for ways of providing required social services to the population that is in need;
- 8.20 the representative of the NPTC clarified that they were looking into how the Agreement mechanisms could access their funds as a matter of priority and added that the NPTC was ready for any external audit to ensure accountability for the funds to both donors and South Sudan;
- 8.21 The representative of the SPLA-IO commended the ITGoNU for lifting the state of emergency in the country and also called for all political detainees/prisoners to be freed. The interim Chairperson of RJMEC, however, informed the member to put this in writing stating the names of the political prisoners that needed to be freed for easy follow-up, otherwise, there would be no case of proof of detention. He also appealed that Dr. Riek Machar should be allowed to go to his constituencies to preach peace as his role in the process is critical; and

8.22 The representatives of ITGoNU called for a change in the procedure of the RJMEC meeting (Agenda) and called on the RJMEC members who had not signed the R-ARCSS to do so.

8.23 The representative of the Business Community called for a change in the way RJMEC discussions were conducted so as to achieve better results.

Min. 09/05/19: Date for the Next Meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting of the RJMEC meeting would be held on the 19th June 2019

Min. 10/05/19: A.O.B

It was reiterated that all Agreement institutions and mechanisms submit their monthly reports at least three days before the date of every plenary to enable the RJMEC Secretariat to disseminate them to all the members accordingly and in a timely manner;

Commenting on the mechanisms' proposed reports template, the Ambassador of Nigeria suggested that the cost component be included in the template.

Min. 11/05/19: Resolutions of the meeting

The draft Resolution of the meeting was discussed, and the Secretariat was directed to share with the members accordingly.

Min. 12/05/19: Closing Prayers

The representatives of the religious leaders led the closing prayer. And, there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.