



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

### **Resolution of the RJMEC**

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

**Palm Africa Hotel, 12 September 2019, Juba, South Sudan**

The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K Njoroge (Rtd).

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

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

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

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

1. Mr. Mohamed El-Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith-based leader)
2. Prof. Moses Macar Kawot (Eminent Person)
3. Ms. Mary Akech Bior (Women's Bloc)
4. Ms. Rita Lopidia (Women Coalition)
5. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)
6. Mr. Rajab Mohandis (CSO Forum)

7. Mr. Simon Akuei Deng (Business Community)
8. Mrs. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Community)
9. Prof. Pauline Riak (Academia)
10. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth).
11. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)

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

1. Mr. Zelalem Birhan (Ethiopia)
2. Col. Eutyclus Ndegwa (Kenya)
3. H.E. Shafie Nuralas (Somalia)
4. H.E. Fadul Mohamed (Sudan)
5. H.E. Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
6. H.E. Obinna Chukwuemeka (Nigeria)
7. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
8. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
9. Mr. Elijah Osin (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

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

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. H.E. Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. H.E. Tom Hushek (USA)
4. H.E. Chris Trott (UK)
5. H.E David Shearer (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. H.E. Jamie Christoff (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 Legal and Constitution Affairs Advisor - RJMEC

#### **For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms**

1. Hon. Henry Dilan Odwar, Co-Chairperson - NPTC
2. Hon. Gichira Kibara, Chairperson - NCAC
3. Maj. Gen. Tarig Abdelkarim, Deputy Chairperson - CTSAMVM
4. Gen. Gabriel Jok Riak Makol, Chairperson JDB
5. Lt. Gen. Thomas Jal Thomas (Co-Chair JDB)
6. Lt. Gen. Salan Alhaj Babala (Co-Chair JDB)
7. Madame Angelina Teny, Chairperson - SDSR Board

8. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson - JTSC
9. Lt. Gen. Charles Madut Akol, Chairperson JMCC

#### Observers

1. H.E. Dr. Ahmed Bahaa Eldin (Egypt)
2. H.E. Manuel Muller (Germany)
3. Ms. Paulina Chiwangu (UNWOMEN)
4. Mr. Hiro Kikuchi (Japan)
5. Ms. Salome Steib (Switzerland)
6. Ms. Wanjiku Nyoike, (UNHCR)

The 9<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 by the UNMISS SRSG;
- e) Reports from Agreement institutions and mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC);
- 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, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 01<sup>st</sup> August 2019;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his observations on the progress made so far, and endorsed all the recommendations therein;
3. **Took note** of the report of the NPTC presented by the Co-Chairperson Hon. Henry Odwar, **commended** the NPTC for the recent face-to-face meetings between H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit and H.E. Dr. Riek Machar Teny and progress made, and **appealed** to the NPTC to meet more frequently in the days and weeks ahead in order to closely monitor, coordinate and supervise the implementation of all pending Pre-Transitional tasks. In this regard, it **reiterated** its appeal to the NPTC

to secure more resources and avail them to the mechanisms in a timely and predictable manner;

4. **Thanked** the UNMISS SRSG Mr. David Shearer for his briefing and the Chairpersons (or their representatives) of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDRS Board, JTSC and JMCC for their reports, and **appreciated** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports in advance;
5. **Commended** the AU Commission for fulfilling its pledge of some logistics to support cantonment and Ambassador Joram Bisworo for coordinating the delivery. It also thanked the government of the People's Republic of China for providing 1500 tons of rice, and the government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for providing medical supplies, military uniforms and tents;
6. **Further commended** H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan and H.E. Dr. Riek Machar Teny, Chairperson of the SPLM/A-IO for the positive steps taken in the implementation of the Peace Agreement with the recent cordial face-to-face meetings held in Juba, and for the resolutions reached on key outstanding issues, and **appealed** for more, and frequent face-to-face talks to continue amongst all the top principals, particularly as we near the formation of the Revitalised TGoNU. In this regard, it **requested** that outcomes of such meetings, be jointly signed and publicly disseminated;
7. **Welcomed** the progress that has been made by the following institutions and mechanisms since the last RJMEC meeting, namely:
  - a. NCAC for completing the drafting of the Fire Brigade Service Bill, 2019 and for commencing 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 its verification of supplies to the cantonment sites;
  - c. JDB for providing leadership to the security mechanisms and provision of resources (funds and logistics) which allowed for cantonment to commence and appealed for its ongoing leadership in planning and coordination;
  - d. JMCC for the commencement of cantonment exercises in some of the designated sites and urged it to fast-track operationalisation of all the remaining sites;

- e. JTSC for the completion of the development of the eligibility criteria, training curricula and syllabi, as well as for the progress being made in preparation of the 18 training centers; and
  - f. SDSR Board for the recent rounds of high-level stakeholders engagements, including at the strategic level, 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.
8. **Welcomed** the renewed pace in the implementation of the pending critical Pre-Transitional tasks, including the commencement of cantonment process, reconstitution of the DDR Commission, and the establishment of the inter-party committee to urgently resolve the issue of the number of states and their boundaries;
9. **Congratulated** the newly appointed Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the reconstituted DDR Commission made by Presidential Decree on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and **appealed** that they be immediately sworn into office to begin the important work of DDR within the cantonment sites;
10. **Noted** the reported improvement in the overall food security situation and access for humanitarian actors, as well as the increasing number of voluntary returnees, due to improved security across the country;
11. **Urged** the JDB, the JMCC and the JTSC to expedite all ongoing preparations for cantonment of all forces in different parts of the country, and to concurrently commence selection and training of necessary unified forces without further delay. In this regard, it **encouraged** the Parties to ensure that the unified forces are inclusive and reflect the national character and diversity in the country;
12. **Urged** the JDB to provide leadership in planning and coordination with the security mechanisms to ensure expeditious and concurrent implementation of the cantonment, screening and training of forces, and **appealed** for the necessary resources to be availed to the JDB without further delay;
13. **Expressed** concerns with the delay in the ratification and enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Bill and security laws already submitted by the NCAC and **appealed** to the I-TGoNU and TNLA to expedite these processes;

14. **Underlined** the responsibility of the Parties and Government of the Republic of South Sudan to ensure full implementation of the Agreement and **reiterated** its appeal for the timely and predictable disbursement of the unpaid balance of the US \$100 million pledge to expedite the cantonment, training and unification of forces within the remaining short time;
15. **Reiterated** its appeal to the Governments within and beyond the region who have made pledges to expedite their delivery, and **urged** all partners and friends of South Sudan, and the international community generally, to offer more support;
16. **Took note** of the report of CTSAMVM that the Permanent Ceasefire continues to hold with no reported incident of clashes amongst the Parties to the Agreement;
17. **Expressed concern** on the reported incidents of violence and SGBV committed against civilians in Yei and Kuok by some SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO forces respectively, in violation of the R-ARCSS, and urged the responsible Parties to adhere fully to the R-ARCSS and to continue putting in place measures to bring the perpetrators to book and to prevent recurrence. In this regard, it recognizes the steps already taken by the SPLM/A-IO to address this situation;
18. **Called upon** the Parties to continue with coordinated and joint dissemination of the Agreement as planned by the NPTC and also to undertake joint high-level confidence-building measures, including tours across the country addressed jointly by President Salva Kiir, Dr. Riek Machar Teny and all the other principals in the run up to the formation of the R-TGoNU;
19. **Further reiterated** its appeal to all Stakeholders, Institutions and Mechanisms of the Agreement to continue with the dissemination of the Agreement to reach all South Sudanese, within and beyond the country to ensure that the peace process is inclusive, known and owned by the people, for its full implementation. In this regard, it **acknowledged** the efforts being undertaken by the Civil Society in partnership with the RJMEC Secretariat, UNMISS, CTSAMVM and IGAD, and **urged** all other actors to continue disseminating the Agreement;
20. **Expressed further concerns** on the reported incidents of violence, including ambushes in and around Yei River State and attacks in Aweil and Raja by suspected forces of NAS of Gen. Thomas Cirillo and SSUF/A of Gen. Paul Malong Awan respectively, and **urged** CTSAMVM to investigate these incidents. In this regard, it **appealed** to all non-signatories to join the peace process and **encouraged** the Parties

together with the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan to proactively engage these hold out groups;

21. **Appreciated** the Chairperson of IGAD Council of Ministers for convening the consultative meeting of the Parties to the R-ARCSS on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which has contributed to the improved pace of implementation of the critical pending tasks. In this regard, it **appealed** to the IGAD Council of Ministers to remain actively seized of the situation in South Sudan and continue implementing all its outstanding commitments, in order to ensure the timely and full implementation of the R-ARCSS;
22. **Agreed** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Juba and shall be confirmed by the Secretariat; and
23. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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