



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

### **Resolutions of the RJMEC**

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

**Palm Africa Hotel, 27 November 2019, Juba, South Sudan**

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd).

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

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

1. Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
3. Mrs. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
4. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)
5. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
6. Hon. Wilson Lodiong (OPP)

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

1. Mr. Mohamed El-Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith-based leader)
2. Rev. John Okumu Hakimu Primon (Faith-based Leader)
3. Prof. Moses Macar Kacuol (Eminent Person)
4. Ms. Jackline Nasiwa (Women Coalition)
5. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)
6. Mr. Biel Boutros Biel (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)

**For the Regional Guarantors**

1. Mr. Zelalem Birhan (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Ali Mambo (Kenya)
3. H.E Hussein Hagi Ahmed (Somalia)
4. H.E Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (Sudan)
5. Mr. Julius Malinga Amos (Uganda)
6. Mr. Judah S. Muoh (Nigeria)
7. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
8. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
9. Dr. Philip Mwanika (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

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

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Ms. Martine Melgard (Norway)
3. Mr. William Echols (USA)
4. Mr. Terry Seagriff (UK)
5. Mr. David Shearer (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. H.E. Janet Alberda (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 Advisor, Legal and Constitution Affairs - RJMEC

**For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms**

1. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche, Chairperson - CTSAMVM
2. Madame Angelina Teny, Chairperson - SDSR Board
3. Gen. Gabriel Jok Riak, Chairperson - JDB
4. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson - JTSC
5. Lt. Gen Charles Madut Akol, Chairperson - JMCC
6. Mr. William Lochi, NPTC Secretariat

**Observers**

1. Mr. Mitsuhiro Toyama (Japan)
2. H.E Mohamed Kadah (Egypt)
3. Mr. Christian Bec (France)
4. Ms. Janika Walter (Germany)
5. Ms. Jacqueline Lehmann (Switzerland)

6. Ms. Wanjiku Nyoike (UNHCR)
7. Mr. Urban Sjostrom (Sweden)

The 11<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 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 SRSG, and after considering the reports from the NPTC, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as amended;
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 on the commitment by the government to disburse an additional US \$ 40 million to NPTC, and on its ongoing work with the various mechanisms to adjust their priorities and budget in order to disburse the funds immediately it is received;
4. **Thanked** the UNMISS SRSG Hon. David Shearer for his briefing and also the Chairpersons of the CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, and JMCC for their reports, and **commended** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports in advance. In this regard, it **noted** the apologies from the Chairpersons of NCAC and DDR Commission for being unable to attend and present their reports due to unavoidable circumstances;

5. **Welcomed** the reports and action plans from all the Agreement institutions and mechanisms focused on the 100 days extension of the Pre-Transitional period and **urged** all mechanisms to strictly adhere to their plans and to deliver on the priority tasks in a timely manner;
6. **Commended** all the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan who have extended support towards the implementation of the Pre-Transitional tasks, namely the AU Commission, Japan, Egypt, China, Sudan, Ethiopia, South Africa and Nigeria, and **appreciated** them for the support. In this regard, it **appealed** to more partners and friends to consider and extend additional support to enable the full and timely implementation of the critical pending tasks;
7. **Welcomed** the decision of the Tripartite meeting held in Entebbe, Uganda to extend the Pre-Transitional Period for another 100 days to allow for the completion of the critical pending tasks, and to establish a mechanism from the Guarantors and the Parties to supervise the implementation of the critical tasks. In this regard, it **appealed** to the Parties to effectively utilize this extension to ensure that the RTGoNU, once formed, is inclusive, effective, and will focus solely on full implementation of the Transitional Tasks of the Agreement;
8. **Reminded** the Parties of the critical pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period namely under **chapter 1**; the resolution of the number of States and boundaries, and the composition and restructuring of the Council of States; enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Bill; enactment of the amended security and governance laws; agreement on the allocation of ministerial and deputy ministerial portfolios; and nomination of parties' representatives to the Transitional National Legislative Assembly. In **chapter 2**, the demilitarization of all civilian centres; cantonment of all forces; registration, screening, selection, training and redeployment of the Necessary Unified Forces.
9. **Thanked** His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit and his government for authorizing the disbursement of an additional US \$ 40 million to the NPTC and honouring the commitment to make available the remaining balance of the US \$100 million pledge. In this regard, it **observed** that the 100 days is already ticking but **regretted** that the US \$ 40 million has not yet been received by the NPTC in its account and **urged** the Ministry of Finance and Planning to immediately transfer the US \$ 40m to the NPTC account and **called upon** the NPTC to avail the requisite funds to the mechanisms once it is received, in order to enable them to expedite the

implementation of their action plans, and to set up a follow up mechanism to ensure accountability and transparency.

10. **Emphasized** that the principles of accountability and transparency in the management of the availed funds is of paramount importance and **appealed** that once received, some funds should be used to immediately purchase and deliver food and supplies to the cantonment sites. In this regard, it **demand**ed that any in-kind donations that are held up in Juba should be delivered to their intended cantonment sites without any further delay;
11. **Took note** of the reports of CTSAMVM that there have been no instances of violence between the signatories of the R-ARCSS since the last RJMEC meeting and **commended** the Parties for adhering to the Permanent Ceasefire. In this regard, it **regretted** the reported clashes which took place between SSPDF and NAS (TC) forces in the Yei area which is under investigation and **appealed** to NAS (TC) to reconsider their position and join the peace process;
12. **Urged** the JDB, the JMCC and the JTSC to take all necessary steps to expedite the screening, selection, training and redeployment of the Necessary Unified Forces in accordance with their streamlined and harmonized workplans and urged them to effectively coordinate their activities. In this regard, it **urged** the government to allow for usage by JTSC of all the existing training facilities to enable it to commence training immediately;
13. **Requested** that the new mechanism agreed on in Entebbe at the Tripartite meeting should immediately commence its work and to take all necessary steps to ensure that the critical pending tasks are completed within the 100 days;
14. **Called upon** the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan to urgently convene meetings of the Parties to resolve all the outstanding issues and **appealed** to the Parties to be flexible, make compromises, and to resolve all the outstanding issues to demonstrate their political will and commitment to form the RTGoNU in a timely manner;
15. **Instructed** all the security mechanisms to adhere to their action plans, coordinate closely to avoid duplication of efforts, and to ensure effective and efficient utilisation of resources, and to report to the RJMEC in accordance with their priority plans. In this regard, it **recommended** the development of an integrated

roadmap comprising all the priority activities to be implemented within the 100 days and **encouraged** gender mainstreaming across the board;

16. **Reiterated** its call that all tasks that do not cost money should be completed without further delay, including demilitarization of civilian centres and that the NPTC should regularly inform the public on progress being made on the implementation of the critical pending tasks;
17. **Encouraged** the top leadership of all the Parties to start meeting on a regular basis, and recommend that it convenes monthly face-to-face meetings of the Principals to the Agreement during this 100 days extension period;
18. **Appealed** to the IGAD Heads of States and Government and the Council of Ministers to remain closely engaged and to use the Ordinary Summit of the IGAD Heads of State and Government meeting scheduled in Addis Ababa to deal with all the pending matters relating to the peace process in South Sudan, especially the determination of the final status of Dr. Riek Machar and the appointment of a substantive RJMEC Chairperson;
19. **Urged** the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan to expedite and urgently conclude engagements with the hold out groups;
20. **Demanded** that the Constitutional Amendment Bill and other relevant laws should be enacted without any further delay to lay a firm legal basis for the timely establishment of the RTGoNU;
21. **Appealed** to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan to present a unified voice and to enhance their financial, political and in-kind support to the full implementation of the R-ARCSS. In this regard, it **appreciated** the additional support announced by the AU Commission of five vehicles and two generators towards the implementation of the critical pending tasks;
22. **Agreed** that the next regular RJMEC meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019; and
23. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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