



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

### **Resolutions of the RJMEC**

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

**Palm Africa Hotel, 23 January 2020, Juba, South Sudan**

The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 23 January 2020 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K. Njoroge (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 (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Awut Deng (Incumbent TGoNU)
3. Hon. Sophia Pal Gai (Incumbent TGoNU)
4. Hon. Stephen Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
5. Mrs. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)
7. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
8. Hon. Aguddau Sunday (OPP)

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

1. Mr. Mohamed El-Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith-based leader)
2. Prof. Pauline Riak (Academia)
3. Ms. Jackline Warille (Women Coalition)
4. Ms. Mary Akech Bior (Womens Bloc)
5. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)
6. Mr. Garang Jacob Ador (CSO Forum)
7. Mr. Santino Garang (Business Community)
8. Ms. Yar Manor Majok (Business Community)

9. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth)
10. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)

**For the Regional Guarantors**

1. H.E. Teferi Taddesse (Ethiopia)
2. H.E. Chris K. Mburu (Kenya)
3. Mr. Shafie Nusalas (Somalia)
4. H.E. Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (Sudan)
5. Mr. Malinga Julius Amese (Uganda)
6. Mr. Judah Muoh (Nigeria)
7. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
8. Mr. Tesfaye Negassa (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)
9. Mr. Mlungisi Mbalati (South Africa)

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

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. H.E. Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. H.E. Thomas Hushek (USA)
4. H.E. Chris Trott (UK)
5. Mr. David Shearer (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. H.E. Douglas Proudfoot (IPF)

**For RJMEC Secretariat**

1. Ambassador Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff - RJMEC
2. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff - RJMEC
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Senior Advisor, Legal and Constitution Affairs - RJMEC

**For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms**

1. Hon. Henry Dilah Odwar, Deputy Chairperson-NPTC
2. Maj. Gen. Teshome Aderie, Chairperson - CTSAMVM
3. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuol, Co-Chairperson JDB
4. Lt. Gen. Gabriel Duop Lam, Co-Chairperson JDB
5. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson JTSC
6. Brig. Gen. Ayuen Dot-Thon, JMCC
7. Maj. Gen. Gatkhor Gatluak, Co-Chairperson JMCC
8. Madam Angelina Teny, Chairperson SDSR Board
9. Mr. Denay Chagor, Co-Chair, SDSR Board
10. Ms. Regina Joseph Kaba, Deputy Chairperson, DDR Commission

## Observers

1. Mr. Hiro Kikuchi (Japan)
2. H.E Dr. Mohamed M. Kada (Egypt)
3. H.E Urban Sjostrom (Sweden)
4. H.E. Marc Trouyet (France)
5. Ms. Janika Walter (Germany)
6. Ms. Jacqueline Lehmann (Switzerland)
7. Ms. Wanjiku Nyoike (UNHCR)
8. Ms. Paulina Chiwangu (UN Women)

The 13<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) The minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- c) Report from the National Pre-Transitional Committee (NPTC);
- d) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- e) Reports from Agreement institutions and mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission) focused on progress to date and challenges during the 100 days extension;
- f) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's Statement, NPTC report, UNMISS SRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- g) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the NCAC, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 17<sup>th</sup> December 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. **Expressed concern** on the absence of a report by the NPTC as stated by Hon. Henry Dilah Odwar, the NPTC Co-Chairperson and **called upon** the NPTC leadership to effectively discharge its responsibility which is critical for the successful implementation of the Pre-Transitional Period tasks and the Agreement;

4. **Thanked** Mr. David Shearer, the UNMISS SRSG for his briefing and also the Chairpersons or representatives of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, and **commended** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports in advance;
5. **Welcomed** Major General Teshome Gemechu Aderie, the new CTSAMVM Chairperson, appreciated the contribution of his predecessor, Major General Desta, congratulated him on his recent promotion to Lt. General and wished him all the best in his future endeavours;
6. **Offered** its condolences to the family and friends of the Honourable Steward Sorobo Budia, a signatory to the Agreement for the United Democratic Party, who passed on recently;
7. **Noted with serious concern** the lapse of 70 days of the 100 days extension, and the fact that with only 30 days before the expiry of the 100 days extension, the ten Pre-Transitional tasks assessed by RJMEC as pending are still outstanding, in addition to the issue of the number of states and their boundaries. In this regard, it **noted** the reports of activities presented by the various mechanisms, **appreciated** the progress made but pointed out that a lot still remains to be done to achieve the desired outcomes;
8. **Emphasized** that the unification of forces and the issue of the number of states and their boundaries are two critical pending tasks necessary for the formation of the RTGoNU on a solid foundation;
9. **Acknowledged** reports that thousands of troops have reported to the training centres, having been transported from cantonment sites, but **regretted** that the screening of forces has not taken place, even though the screening teams are reported to be ready to begin. In this regard it **urged** the Joint Defence Board (JDB) to ensure that the screening, selection and training of forces starts immediately in consultation with the DDR Commission and **instructed** the JDB to give clear guidance to the forces on the requisite organization of units including the rank structure for screening and **requested** the political leadership to intervene and address the issue of ranks;
10. **Welcomed** the engagement with the hold-out groups in the peace process. In this regard, it **appreciated** the Sant'Egidio facilitated meeting in Rome and the resulting

declaration on the cessation of hostilities and commitment to dialogue, and **appealed** to IGAD and the Parties to embrace this process;

11. **Appreciated** reports of continuing in-kind support being extended by some partners and in this regard **appreciated** the governments of Japan and China for their most recent donations to support implementation of the Agreement and **expressed** concerns over the very slow distribution of in-kind donations from Juba to the designated cantonment sites and training centres and **recommended** that the NPTC assigns the JDB the responsibility of delivering these resources immediately to the designated sites;
12. **Expressed** concern regarding the developments in Maiwut and **regretted** the reported loss of lives, displacement of civilian population and sexual violence as unacceptable. In this regard, it **commended** both the SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO for the recent steps of bringing the responsible commanders to Juba in order to address the situation and **called upon** the concerned parties to cease all hostilities, and to fully observe the Permanent Ceasefire as well as take steps to ensure the protection of the civilian population;
13. **Regretted** the continued occupation of civilian centres contrary to Article 2.2.3.1 of the R-ARCSS and **noted with concern** CTSAMVM's recent report which shows that in the last month, buildings in two schools have been occupied by the SSPDF, making a total of 25 occupied buildings, of which 24 are by the SSPDF and 1 by SPLM/A-IO. In this regard, **directed** that all occupied civilian buildings be vacated without exception and that violators should be held to account;
14. **Noted with concern** that the issue of the number of states and their boundaries remains outstanding despite several efforts to resolve it, and **commended** H.E. David Mabuza the Deputy President of South Africa, and the Special Envoy to South Sudan, IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan, and the Regional Special Envoys for their efforts thus far and **encouraged** them to continue engaging the Parties. In this regard it **appealed** to the leadership of the Parties to compromise and take all necessary steps to arrive at a consensual and pragmatic political solution;
15. **Noted with serious concern** the fact that the optimism that the Security Mechanisms expressed at the last RJMEC meeting has not been matched by their performance in implementation since then and **regretted** that all of them have fallen behind the timelines of their action plans and that despite the commitments made by the Security Mechanisms to coordinate their activities more closely, this still has not happened. It

**urged** the NPTC and JDB to immediately convene the agreed weekly coordination meetings of the Mechanisms, which will be attended by RJMEC. In this regard, it also **welcomed** the offer by the Office of the IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan to facilitate a joint meeting of the Security Mechanisms, including the DDR Commission and **demanded** that implementation should be fast-tracked by all Mechanisms in the remaining 30 days;

16. **Appealed** to the Guarantors to immediately undertake a **mid-term review of the 100 days extension** to assess the status of implementation of the security-related critical Pre-Transitional tasks and to determine the way forward. In this regard, it **requested** the IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan to urgently follow through with the Guarantors;
17. **Urged** the Security Mechanisms to enhance their cooperation and to take steps to expedite and concurrently implement the pending tasks of screening, selection and training of the NUF without any further delays;
18. Further **appealed** that more funding be availed to the Security Mechanisms to enable progress of the unification of forces, while observing the requirements of accountability and transparency. In this regard, it **urged** the NPTC to continue engaging with the Government and partners to secure more funding and resources to support the process and **demanded** that all the in-kind support stored in Juba be transported to the cantonment sites and training centres accordingly. It also **recommended** a joint visit by NPTC and RJMEC members to cantonment sites and training centres to assess the situation;
19. **Reiterated** its appeal to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan for continued and enhanced financial, political and in-kind support for the full implementation of the R-ARCSS and **expressed its wishes** that 2020 will be a peaceful, prosperous year that will herald lasting peace in the Republic of South Sudan;
20. **Agreed** that the next regular RJMEC meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020; and
21. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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