



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

**Resolutions of the
36th RJMEC Meeting**

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 27th June 2024
Juba, South Sudan**

The 36th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by the RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- c) Report from the RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC on Transitional Security Arrangements;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (PFM-OC, NEC, NCRC, PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC, and DDR Commission);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS SRSG briefing and reports from the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms;
- h) Review of the Resolutions; and
- i) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

In attendance were representatives of all the Parties to the Revitalised Peace Agreement, Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents, the Regional

Guarantors, International Partners and Friends of South Sudan, Observers, as well as Institutions and Mechanisms of the Agreement.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS DSRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, JMCC, and DDR, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 35th RJMEC meeting held on 23rd May 2024 without amendment;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, RJMEC Interim Chairperson and his report on the status of the implementation of the R-ARCSS, its critical pending tasks and challenges, and **endorsed** all recommendations therein;
3. **Thanked** Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs for her report on behalf of the RTGoNU, including on the payments made to the JRC, NCAC, NCRC and the Human Rights Commission;
4. **Welcomed**, the delegation of the African Union Peace and Security Council to Juba, and also H.E Kossam Mupezeni, Zimbabwe Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan to RJMEC meetings as an Observer. It further **congratulated** the Government and people of the Republic of South Africa, a member and chairperson of the AU C5, for successfully concluding its democratic elections,

and **expressed confidence** in their continued support to RJMEC, and to the Republic of South Sudan in the pursuit of lasting peace;

5. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, UNMISS DSRSG for his briefing, including detailed updates on the current humanitarian situation in South Sudan, protection of civilians as per the UNMISS mandate, observations on the status of implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement, and his call for complementarity between the Nairobi Talks and ongoing interparty dialogue of the R-ARCSS parties;
6. **Appreciated** all the Chairpersons and/or representatives of the PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, **welcomed** the reported progress, **took note** of the challenges highlighted such as lack of funding, logistics, allowances, among others, and **endorsed** all their recommendations. In this regard, **noted with concern** the absence of reports from the NTC, PFM-OC, NEC, NCRC, SSDR and JTSC and encouraged them to present regular reports to RJMEC as per the Agreement;
7. **Underscored** the importance of regular RJMEC plenary meetings, to take stock of progress or lack thereof, in the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, to receive reports from the RTGoNU and from the different Agreement institutions and mechanisms, and to recommend appropriate remedial measures. In this regard, **appealed** to RJMEC members to remain seized of its mandate and to use the regular plenary meetings to proactively

engage with the RTGoNU, the Parties and the implementation mechanisms to expedite the pace of implementation of the R-ARCSS;

8. **Welcomed** the disbursement by RTGoNU of some funds to the Reconstituted National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) and partial payment of outstanding allowances to the NCAC, JRC and other mechanisms, but **noted with concerns that** the validation and handover of the report of the ad-hoc Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) remains pending. In this regard, **reiterated its appeal** to the RTGoNU to expedite the conclusion of the JRC process, and **called upon** the RTGoNU to continue availing the requisite resources and logistics to the Agreement institutions and mechanisms to enable them to discharge their mandates;
9. **Welcomed** the passage by TNLA of the Public Finance Management and Accountability (PFMA) Bill which now awaits Presidential assent, as well as the endorsement of the NGO Act 2016 (Amendment) Bill 2024 by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers. In this regard, **called** for the urgent enactment of the pending bills by the TNLA, including the National Security Services Bill, Anti-Gender Based Violence Bill, and the Women Empowerment Bill among others;
10. **Regretted** that with less than six months to the elections as per the Roadmap, a number of critical elections related tasks remain pending. In this regard, **took note** of reports that the National Elections Commission (NEC) has made some progress with regards to the reconstitution of the State Elections High Committees, and **called for** expedited progress;

11. **Requested the RTGoNU and JDB to clarify on the** status of the mid- and lower-levels command, following the submission by both SPLM/A-IO and SSOA of their lists of officers, the completion of redeployment for Phase I NUF, plans for the commencement of Phase II, the SDSR process and the DDR respectively. In this regard, **took note** of the JDB report that food supplies to the training centres have since been exhausted and **appealed** to NTC to expedite the procurement and distribution of additional food items to the forces, and further **appealed** to the partners to support the pilot community violence reduction initiatives being implemented by the DDR Commission;
12. **Expressed serious concerns** regarding reports of continuing inter-communal violence in different parts of the country, including the latest incidents in Ruweng Administrative Area and Unity States. In this regard, **tooknote** of reports from JDB that SSPDF has made an emergency deployment of some of the NUF to contain the security situation in Ruweng, and **called for** redeployment of all unified forces to maintain security in all parts of the country;
13. **Took note** of the recent developments in the Nairobi based Tumaini (Hope) Initiative between RTGoNU and the non-signatories and opposition groups and **encouraged** the negotiating parties to dialogue in good faith with a commitment to achieving an inclusive peace process within the framework of the R-ARCSS. In this regard, **requested** detailed briefing from RTGoNU on the status of the talks and its scope;

- 14.**Expressed serious concerns** that the humanitarian situation remains challenging and is expected to worsen with the anticipated flooding and decrease in relief support, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU and partners to come to the aid of the returnees in and around the main transit centres in Renk, Unity State, as well as other affected areas;
- 15.**Took note of** the progress made by RTGoNU in building the private sector through strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in some States and **underscored** the need to strengthen the South Sudanese Business Forum to enable its support to the review and implementation of the Private Sector Development Strategy. In this regard, called for expeditious progress with regard to the establishment of the Women and Youth Enterprises Fund;
- 16.**Expressed serious concerns** on the lack of progress on the Bills for the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and the Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) and **urged** the TNLA to expedite the process of enactment of the Bills and establishment of these mechanisms;
- 17.**Welcomed** the disbursement of US\$ 800,000 to the reconstituted National Constitutional Review Commission to enable it commence the permanent constitution making process which is expected to guide the conduct of elections at the end of the Transitional Period, and **reiterated its appeals** for full funding to all the Agreement institutions and mechanisms to discharge their mandates;

18. **Noted with concerns**, the removal of some women representatives in different institutions and mechanisms, including TNLA and their replacement by male nominees. In this regard, **urged** the RTGoNU and all Parties to adhere to the 35% minimum women's requirements in the Agreement and to ensure that any revocation of a female representative is replaced by another woman;

19. Took note of the report presented by the PPC, and requested the PPC to provide a detailed report on the status of the registration of political parties;

20. **Expressed serious concerns** that barely six months to elections, there is no clarity or consensus on the way forward. In this regard, **welcomed** report that the High-Level Standing Committee of the Parties on the Implementation of the R-ARCSS have completed its review of the Roadmap implementation and that the report will be endorsed by its members and presented to the Principals of the Agreement for political decision on the way forward to the conduct of elections;

21. **Underscored** the importance of continuous implementation of the R-ARCSS, irrespective of the ongoing interparty dialogue and the Nairobi Talks and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to build consensus amongst the Parties and stakeholders on the way forward on elections, and to provide regular updates to the public;

22. **Appealed** to all the RJMEC members, friends and partners to remain seized of the peace process, mobilise resources in support of the R-ARCSS and to continue supporting the RJMEC Secretariat and the efforts of the various institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement to deliver to deliver peaceful, free, fair and credible democratic elections as per the Agreement and Roadmap by the end of the Transitional Period;

23. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be 25th July 2024; and

24. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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