



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

**Resolutions of the
37th RJMEC Meeting**

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 08th August 2024
Juba, South Sudan**

The 37th 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, NTC, PFM-OC, NEC, NCRC, PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, JMCC, SDSR and DDR, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 36th RJMEC meeting held on 27th June 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. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister for Cabinet Affairs, for his briefing on behalf of the RTGoNU, including the detailed analysis on the Tumaini Consensus documents, and **welcomed** the completion of evaluation of the Roadmap implementation by the High Level Inter-Party Standing Committee and submission of its report to the Presidency for its consideration and decision. In this regard, **welcomed** the assurance that the Presidency will be meeting on Wednesday, 14 August 2024, to discuss these documents and to agree on the way forward;

4. **Welcomed** H.E. Mohieldin Salim Ahmed, Head of the League of the Arab States Mission to the Republic of South Sudan to RJMEC meetings as an Observer. **Congratulated** the Government and people of the Republic of South Sudan upon marking its 13th independence anniversary, and **further congratulated** the South Sudan Men National Basketball Team (The Bright Stars) for courageously representing South Sudan at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France;
5. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, UNMISS DSRSG for his briefing 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 clarity on the way forward as well as his appeal that all election related decisions be made by consensus and in accordance with the procedure mandated by law;
6. **Appreciated** all the chairpersons and/or representatives of the NTC, PFM-OC, NEC, NCRC, PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, 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 report from the JTSC and encouraged it to present regular reports to RJMEC as per the Agreement;
7. **Reiterated** its appeal to all RJMEC members to prioritise RJMEC plenary meetings to regularly take stock of progress or lack thereof in the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement, to receive reports from

the RTGoNU and from the different Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms, and to recommend appropriate remedial measures;

8. **Called** for the continued funding of the Political Parties Council (PPC), the National Elections Commission (NEC), and all the Institutions and Mechanisms of the Agreement so that they can discharge their mandates;
9. **Expressed concern** that the submission of the report of the ad-hoc Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) remains pending and **reiterated** its appeal to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to expedite the official handover of the JRC report to the RTGoNU and to commence implementation of judicial reforms mandated by the R-ARCSS such as (a) the review of the Judiciary Act; (b) building the capacity of judicial personnel and infrastructure; (c) reconstitution of the Judicial Service Commission; and (d) establishment of an independent, impartial and credible Constitutional Court;
10. **Welcomed** the passage by TNLA of the National Security Service Act 2014 (Amendment) Bill 2024, the National Bureau of Statistics Act 2018 (Amendment) Bill 2024 and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Act 2012 (Amendment) Bill 2024. In this regard, **expressed** concerns on the passage of the National Security Services Act 2014 (Amendment) Bill 2024 with the contentious provisions, Articles 54 and 55, retaining the powers of the National Security Services to arrest without a warrant and detain suspects, and **called upon** the RTGoNU to reconsider this bill in accordance with agreed reforms;

11. **Noted with concern** that with less than five months to the elections as per the Roadmap, very little clarity exists regarding the position of the RTGoNU and the Parties over the conduct of elections, and implementation of the critical elections related tasks. In this regard, **welcomed** assurance that the Presidency will be meeting the following week to discuss and agree on the way forward;
12. **Reminded** all Agreement Parties on adherence to the 35% minimum threshold of women's representation in the Executive and other decision-making bodies as stipulated in the Revitalised Agreement and **recommended** that whenever a female office-holder is to be replaced, the Parties should pay due consideration to this requirement;
13. **Took note** that the Permanent Ceasefire continues to hold. However, **expressed serious** concerns on recent clashes in Nasir and Matot Payam, as well as intercommunal violence which continues in areas of Unity, Jonglei, Lakes State. In this regard, **urged** the JDB to take concrete practical steps to address this situation and other growing security concerns within Central Equatoria State and Juba;
14. **Expressed regret** that completion of Phase I Necessary Unified Forces, including the unification of the mid-level command echelon, as well as deployment of graduated forces remains pending, despite the submission by both SPLM/A-IO and SSOA of their lists of officers a few months ago. In this regard, **welcomed** the CTSAMVM report that eight battalions of the NUF have so far been deployed; **further welcomed** the order of the Inspector General of Police for the

appointment into the South Sudan National Police Service of 2995 Non-Commissioned Officers, who are part of the NUF, currently stationed at Rajaf Training Centre, and **called upon** the RTGoNU to avail requisite funding to the NTC to fast-track this process;

15. **Expressed serious concerns** that the humanitarian situation remains dire and continues to deteriorate due to growing food insecurity, and the influx of refugees and returnees from Sudan, whose numbers have now reached over 750,000, according to UNOCHA, and which is expected to worsen due to floods which are projected to affect up to 3.3 million people country wide, 1.8 million of whom are children. In this regard, **expressed serious concerns** that the Humanitarian Response Plan funding is only at around 20%, and **appealed** for concerted effort and more funding from the RTGoNU and partners to manage the crisis;

16. **Took note of** the progress made by the Public Finance Management Oversight Committee (PFM-OC) in its ongoing monitoring of reforms being implemented by the RTGoNU, including legislative reforms, capacity building, streamlining Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets, which has resulted in incremental growth in revenue mobilisation and **encouraged** the Committee to identify practical measures to address the current economic crisis. In this regard, **encouraged** more efforts to strengthen and resource the oversight institutions, such as the the Anti-Corruption Commission and the National Audit Chamber, as well as operationalising the Public Financial Management and Accountability

Act 2024, to promote accountability and transparency and help South Sudan achieve sustainable development;

17. **Took note** that the Bills for the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and the Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) have since moved to their third and final reading before the TNLA and **urged** the TNLA to expedite the process of enactment of the Bills and subsequent establishment of these mechanisms;

18. **Noted with concern** the lack of clarity on the registration fees for political parties in the Republic of South Sudan, and in this regard **requested** that the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs be invited to brief the next RJMEC plenary on this issue, and other relevant matters;

19. **Took note** of the RTGoNU briefing on its analysis and position on the signed Protocols of the Nairobi-based Tumaini Initiative between RTGoNU and the Non-Signatory 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, **reiterated** its appeal to RTGoNU Presidency to meet more regularly and expedite the implementation of the R-ARCSS;

20. **Reiterated** its appeal to all friends and partners of South Sudan to remain seized of the peace process, mobilise requisite resources in support of the R-ARCSS and the efforts of the various institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement to deliver peaceful, free, fair and credible democratic elections as per the

Agreement and Roadmap by the end of the Transitional Period. In this regard, **appreciated** the commitment of the Republic of South Africa to rally support from all the AU C5 members and to consider supporting some of the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement;

21. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be 19th September 2024; and
22. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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