



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

Resolution of the RJMEC

3rd Extraordinary Meeting

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 18th September 2024
Juba, South Sudan**

The 3rd Extraordinary Meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 18th September 2024 chaired by H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen.(rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC.

In attendance were the representatives of the Parties, Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents in RJMEC, Regional Guarantors, International Partners and Friends of South Sudan, and the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms.

The meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by the RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Presentation by the RTGoNU on the R-ARCSS Parties Decision to Extend the Transitional Period from 22nd February 2025 to 22nd February 2027 as endorsed by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers
- c) Deliberations by the RJMEC members; and
- d) Decision-making on the R-ARCSS extension.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, presentation on the R-ARCSS Parties decision to extend the Transitional Period from 22nd February 2025 to 22nd February 2027 as endorsed by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers, and deliberations by the RJMEC members on the Roadmap, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his detailed assessment on the status of implementation of the Roadmap since it was adopted, the critical pending tasks, and endorsed all his recommendations therein;
2. **Appreciated** Hon. Dr Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister for Cabinet Affairs of the RTGoNU for his presentation of the R-ARCSS Parties' decision and the RTGoNU's endorsement and strategies therein;
3. **Took note** that this is the second time, the Parties are extending the Transitional Period and not adhering to their agreed timelines and implementation schedules;
4. **Further took note** that the Parties to the R-ARCSS dialogued and quickly reached consensus on the need to extend the Transitional Period from 22nd February 2025 to 22nd February 2027, and **appealed** that the same spirit of collegiality, dialogue and compromises should continue throughout the implementation of the pending tasks of the Agreement during this extended Transitional Period;
5. **Expressed serious concerns** that without guaranteed funding, any extension is not likely to result in a successful outcome. In this regard, **called on** the RTGoNU to

demonstrate its commitment to abide by the proposed timelines and implementation schedules by availing the requisite resources in a timely manner;

6. **Voted** on the question whether the RJMEC members consent or not consent to the proposed extension of the Transitional Period, effective 22nd February 2025 to 22nd February 2027. In this regard, **out of the forty-two (42) RJMEC members** who attended the meeting, **forty-one (41) voted** as follows:

- a. **Thirty-four (34) members consented,**
- b. **Seven (07) members did not consent.**

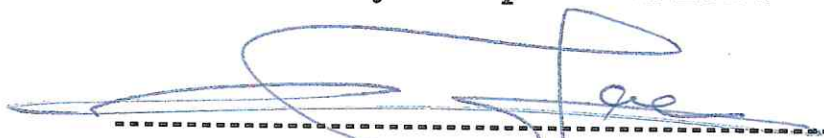
7. **Cognizant** of the many challenges which have impeded the implementation of the Agreement since its inception, especially the critical lack of funding and given the numerous crucial pending tasks of the R-ARCSS which are pre-requisites for the conduct of credible peaceful, free, fair and democratic elections, and **basing** on the assurance given by the RTGoNU to mobilize and avail sufficient funding to implement the pending tasks of the Roadmap during this extended period, and **mindful** of the need to consolidate the achievements made under the Revitalized Peace Agreement to date, **decided** by more than two-thirds majority to consent to the Decision of the Parties to the R-ARCSS to extend the Transitional Period of the R-ARCSS from 22nd February 2025 to 22nd February 2027; with the following recommendations to the Parties and RTGoNU, namely:

- a. **Avail** sufficient and dedicated funding in a predictable manner to the responsible Agreement Mechanisms and institutions responsible for the implementation of the critical pending tasks;

- b. **Implement** all the resource mobilization and effective internal coordination and oversight mechanism as contained in the Parties' endorsement of the extension;
- c. **Commit** to the people of South Sudan that this will be the last and final extension of the Transitional Period of the R-ARCSS and that election will be held as scheduled with all the critical tasks completed in a timely manner;
- d. **Audit** all the financial disbursements to the NTC and Agreement institutions and mechanisms during the past period and present the report to RJMEC members;
- e. **Appeal** for the involvement of all South Sudanese stakeholders-women, youths, persons with disabilities, and all other groups when implementing the pending provisions of the Roadmap and to adhere strictly to the 35% women quota;
- f. **Expedite** the establishment and implementation of the Women and Youth Enterprises Development Fund during this extended period;
- g. **Urgently** establish the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) in order to commence the much-needed process of reconciliation and healing without any further delay;
- h. **Demonstrate** genuine commitments and political will by revoking the controversial provisions of the National Security Services Bill as enacted, build more trust, open civic and political space, fast-track the unification of forces by unifying the middle echelons command, complete Phase I deployment, and commence Phase II, avail funding of the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) process, finalize the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) processes, and **accelerate** the permanent constitution making process by establishing all the pending sub-committees; and

- i. **Expedite and conclude** the engagement with the holdout groups, including those participating in the Tumaini Initiative in Nairobi with the goal of achieving an inclusive peace process within the framework of the R-ARCSS.
8. **Appreciated** RJMEC for its steadfast role in the preservation of peace and continued oversight role to ensure the full implementation of the R-ARCSS and **reiterated** its appeal to all partners and friends of South Sudan, to continue supporting the RJMEC and all the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms to effectively discharge their mandates;
9. **Appealed** to the IGAD and its member states, AU-C5 as guarantors, African Union Commission, and the United Nations, European Union (EU), IGAD Partners Forum (IPF), China, Troika, and all partners and friends of South Sudan to remain seized of the implementation of the R-ARCSS, critically review all the RJMEC's implementation status reports and to act on its recommendations in a timely manner to ensure that the RTGoNU Parties adhere to, and fully implement, in letter and spirit, the pending tasks of the Roadmap during this extended period; and
10. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

Dated this 18th day of September 2024



**Amb. Maj Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, CBS
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON**