



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

**Resolutions of the
38th RJMEC Meeting**

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 31st October 2024
Juba, South Sudan**

The 38th 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 (JRC, 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 SRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, JRC, NCRC, PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, JMCC, SDSR, and JTSC, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 37th RJMEC meeting held on 8th August 2024 without amendment;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, RJMEC Interim Chairperson and his assessment of the critical pending tasks and the urgency required to complete them in a timely manner following the decision to extend the Transitional Period from 22 February 2025 to 22 February 2027 with elections scheduled for December 2026, and endorsed all recommendations therein;
3. **Thanked** Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, for her briefing on behalf of the RTGoNU, including an update on the engagements of the RTGoNU in the region following the extension. In this regard, **regretted** the absence of a written report, but **welcomed** the commitment expressed by the RTGoNU to develop a coherent strategy with a clear and overarching actionplan, budget and timelines for the

implementation of the priority tasks of the Transitional Period, and to call for an extraordinary meeting to update RJMEC;

4. **Thanked** Mr. Nicholas Haysom, UNMISS SRSG, 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 urgent completion of some of the pending tasks which do not require funding, such as unification of mid-level command, civic education, and deployment of unified forces etc, before February 2025;
5. **Appreciated** all the Chairpersons and/or representatives of the JRC, NCRC, PPC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, JTSC, and JMCC for their reports, **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, NEC and DDR and **encouraged** them to present regular reports to RJMEC as per the Agreement;
6. **Encouraged** members of the RJMEC plenary to demonstrate the same level of punctuality and attendance shown at the 3rd extraordinary meeting by observing timeliness in all RJMEC meetings and Working Committees;
7. **Took note** that throughout the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement, progress has been slowed down by recurring challenges such

as insufficient political will, trust deficit, lack of sufficient, dedicated and predictable funding, and capacity gaps. In this regard, **highlighted** the unprecedented need to do things differently to overcome the aforementioned challenges;

8. **Congratulated** the ad-hoc Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) for the successful conclusion of its mandate, with the recent validation and handover of their report and recommendations for judicial reforms. In this regard, **thanked** Chairperson Justice James Ogoola and Deputy Chairperson Lady Justice Joyce Alouch and all the members and Secretariat staff of the JRC for their contributions to the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement, and **urged** the RTGoNU to adopt, and effectively implement these reforms;
9. **Emphasised** the importance of the minimum 35% threshold for women representation and **reminded** the Parties that when replacements in these appointments take place, they should not reduce the overall count of women in these positions, and **called for** the expeditious enactment of gender related bills including Anti-Gender Based Violence (GBV), Women Empowerment, the Women Enterprise Development Fund, Persons With Disability, and Family Law, among others, as well as support to young people and their participation in governance and development through support to youth led initiatives and action plans;

10. **Took note** that the permanent ceasefire continues to hold but **regretted** the reported incidents of violence in Nassir County, Upper Nile State, that have claimed several lives and displaced thousands of families. In this regard, **condemned** the recent killings in Wondoruba and Jebel Iraqi in Central Equatoria State, and **called upon** both JDB and CTSAMVM to expeditiously investigate these security related incidents to ensure those responsible are held to account;
11. **Noted with serious concern** reports from JDB that no progress has been made in furtherance of the completion of phase 1 of the unification of forces and commencement of phase II. In this regard, **urged** the RTGoNU to expedite the confirmation of ranks, unification of mid-level command, deployment of unified forces and to commence phase II, as well as expedite SDR and the DDR processes by availing requisite funds in a timely manner;
12. **Further noted with concern** reports of the lack of progress in the activities of both the JTSC and JMCC due to lack of financial and logistical support and in this regard, **welcomed** the request by JTSC and JMCC for the NTC, RJMEC, CTSAMVM and UNMISS to facilitate a joint assessment visit to some of the cantonment sites and training centres in order to understand the gravity of the situation;
13. **Expressed serious concerns** on the delays in national budgetary process for Financial Year 2024/2025 which is already three months behind schedule given that funding is a key part of the requirements for the

extended Transitional Period. In this regard, **called** for expeditious finalisation of the budgetary process to align with the peace implementation needs and tight schedules;

14. **Took note** that the Bills for the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) passed by the Transitional National Legislative Assembly in September and thereafter submitted to the Council of States for scrutiny, have been submitted to the President for assent. In this regard, **urged** the RTGoNU to commence preparations for establishment and operationalisation of the CTRH and CRA;

15. **Took note** that the reconstituted National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) has taken steps to ensure its institutional readiness for the delivery of its mandate. In this regard, **expressed concern** that some members of the NCRC are awaiting appointment and swearing in, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to expedite this process;

16. **Underscored** the need for the Parties to replicate the spirit of collegiality, consensus and urgency, exhibited in extending the Transitional Period, to expeditiously implement the critical pending tasks within this extended period, especially the constitution-making and electoral processes, and the unification of forces;

17. **Recommended** to the RTGoNU as follows:

- a) Provide a strategy with a clear, coherent and overarching action plan, budget and timeline for the implementation of the priority tasks for the extended transitional period to build confidence, and aid resource mobilisation and support;
- b) Coordinate the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms so that their workplans are aligned, coherent, and collaborative to ensure effective and efficient implementation;
- c) Mobilise and dedicate adequate and predictable funding to the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms now and throughout the extended Transitional Period;
- d) Enhance the effectiveness of the joint Government–Trilateral Taskforce to help identify areas of collaboration and support to address issues related to the constitution-making and electoral processes in a timely manner;
- e) Increase women's representation in the executive and legislative appointments up to and beyond the 35% minimum threshold given their centrality of the roles of women in achieving lasting peace and security in South Sudan;
- f) Expedite the completion of the unification of forces and their deployment, and DDR;
- g) Address questions of how South Sudanese refugees and IDPs will participate in the constitution-making and electoral processes; and

h) Complete enactment of the CTRH and CRA bills paving way for the establishment and operationalization of these critical transitional justice mechanisms.

18. **Requested** the RTGoNU to provide a briefing on the status of the Nairobi talks (Tumaini Initiative) between the RTGoNU and the Non-Signatory Opposition Groups;

19. **Reiterated** the appeal to all friends and partners of South Sudan to consider mobilising requisite resources in support of the implementation of the Revitalised Agreement and the activities of the various institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement to deliver on their mandates to pave way for a timely peaceful, free, fair and credible democratic elections by the end of the extended Transitional Period. In this regard, **welcomed** the planned Technical Needs Assessment Mission commissioned by the Republic of South Africa to Juba, South Sudan, in the coming weeks;

20. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be communicated by the RJMEC Secretariat; and

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

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