



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

**Resolutions of the
39th RJMEC Meeting**

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 20th February 2025
Juba, South Sudan**

The 39th 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, NBS, 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 the UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, NTC, NBS, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, JMCC, and DDR, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 38th RJMEC meeting held on 31st October 2024 without amendment;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, outgoing RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his assessment of the critical pending tasks of the Agreement, expectations for the extended transitional period, challenges and opportunities to build on the progress made thus far, and endorsed all his recommendations therein;
3. **Took note** of the report of the RTGoNU presented by Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister for Cabinet Affairs on the background to the extension and highlights of the RTGoNU's plan of action going forward. In this regard, it **welcomed** the assurance by the RTGoNU that it will complete all the pending critical tasks necessary for the conduct of elections during the extended period, and the commitment to develop a coherent workplans, budget and timelines for the extended period;

4. **Bade farewell** to H.E Amb. Maj. Gen (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, outgoing RJMEC Interim Chairperson, thanked him for his service, leadership, commitment and contributions to the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan over the last four and a half years, and wished him well in his next endeavours. In this regard, **congratulated** H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen (rtd) George Aggrey Owinow, incoming RJMEC Interim Chairperson on his appointment, and expressed full commitment to work with him and to take RJMEC to the next level and **thanked** the Secretariat of the RJMEC for the incredible support extended to the outgoing Interim Chairperson and **appealed** for continued support to the incoming Interim Chairperson;
5. **Welcomed** the new RJMEC members, H.E David Ashley, UK High Commissioner to South Sudan and Hon. Juma Mabor Marial representing the CSO Forum, and assured them of full cooperation in the discharge of the RJMEC's oversight mandate;
6. **Congratulated** Hon. Gen. Kuol Mayang Juuk on his appointment as the Chairman of the National Transitional Committee (NTC), **welcomed** his inaugural report to the RJMEC, which outlined the NTC's action plans and budget to complete the pending Chapter II tasks, and the expressed commitment to transparency and accountability;
7. **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 encouragement of the RTGoNU to expedite implementation of the critical pending tasks for the extended Transitional Period;

8. **Listened** to reports of the Chairpersons and/or representatives of the NBS, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, JMCC and DDR, **took note** of the progress registered and all challenges highlighted and **endorsed** their recommendations. In this regard, **welcomed** Dr. Augustino T. Mayai, Director General of the South Sudan National Bureau of Statistic (NBS) to his first RJMEC meeting and thanked him for presenting the maiden NBS report to the RJMEC, and **encouraged** the institutions/mechanisms who submitted their reports to the Secretariat such as NEC, NCRC, PPC etc to also consistently ensure they avail representatives to present the reports to the Plenary;
9. **Took note** that without the requisite funding, the RTGoNU and all institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement are unable to fully and effectively execute their mandate and therefore **appealed** to the RTGoNU and partners to mobilise the requisite resources to finance the implementation of the R-ARCSS during this extended period. In this regard, **welcomed** the recent changes in the NTC and Presidency and expressed optimism that these would herald a new chapter in the implementation of the R-ARCSS;

10. **Commended** the RTGoNU Presidency for endorsing the final report of the Ad-hoc Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) and its recommendations on appropriate judicial reforms and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to expeditiously implement the reforms, in particular starting with the review of the Judiciary Act and reconstitution of the Judicial Service Commission;
11. **Regretted** the reported clashes between SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO forces in Western Equatoria and Western Bahr el Ghazal States, as well as in Nasir County in Upper Nile State, as very serious setbacks, given that over the last four years, there has been relative peace without such major violations of the Permanent Ceasefire, and **called upon** the JDB to act with urgency to defuse the tensions, and CTSAMVM to expeditiously investigate these security incidents and report to RJMEC;
12. **Underscored** the importance of expediting and completing the unification of all forces and their redeployment as critical for addressing the emergent security concerns, including intercommunal violence as recently witnessed in Magwi County, Eastern Equatoria State and in the provision of a secure environment for the conduct of credible peaceful elections;
13. **Took note** of the progress registered by the SDSR Board towards the finalization of the five policy documents which were validated and urged the SDSR Board to urgently submit these to the Executive for consideration and adoption;

14. **Noted with serious concern** that the humanitarian situation remains dire, with prevalent food insecurity, and exacerbated by armed clashes and intercommunal violence, climatic shocks, economic crisis and returnees fleeing the conflicts in the Republic of Sudan. In this regard, **appealed** for additional humanitarian assistance from RTGoNU and partners and **called for** the establishment of the Special Reconstruction Fund to aid mobilization of additional resources;
15. **Encouraged** the RTGoNU to work more closely with the Public Financial Management Oversight Committee to drive substantive economic reforms, improve monitoring of public spending of the national budget, and enhance revenue collection, especially non-oil revenue, and **called for** the reconstitution and operationalization of the key oversight institutions such as the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Audit Chamber to enable them to execute their mandates of ensuring transparency and accountability, as provided for in the reviewed legislations;
16. **Took note** of the approval by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers of a Cabinet Memorandum for the operationalization of the enacted Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) laws, and **requested** the RTGoNU to update the RJMEC on steps that have been taken to establish these two institutions thus far;

17. **Further took note** of the proactive approach adopted by the NCRC leadership to engage the various partners to support the national launch of civic education and public consultations and **appealed** to the partners to support these endeavors. In this regard, **reiterated** the importance of the drafting of a people-led and people-owned constitution, as this will help determine, inter-alia, the types of elections which will be held in December 2026;
18. **Emphasised** the need to do things differently and not business as usual and **recommended** the following remedial measures to the RTGoNU as the extended transitional period begins:
- a) Provide a strategy with a clear, coherent and overarching action plan, feasible budget and timeline for the implementation of the priority tasks for the extended transitional period;
 - b) Ensure that the workplans of the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms are aligned and collaborative to ensure effective and efficient implementation;
 - c) Provide the necessary funding in a timely manner to the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms;
 - d) Expedite completion of the unification of forces, their redeployment and DDR;

- e) Create a conducive environment for voluntary return, resettlement and reintegration of South Sudanese refugees and IDPs to enable them participate in the ongoing peace process; and
- f) Establish, operationalise and fund the CTRH and CRA.

19. **Further recommended** to the regional guarantors and international community to have a more accommodative approach that aligns with the need to do things differently as well, in order to have South Sudan transit from perpetual extensions, including inter alia:

- a) frequent, proactive and coordinated engagements of Special Envoys of different countries and organizations;
- b) prominent presence and engagements of the regional guarantors at the highest political level;
- c) effective and efficient direct support to the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms to enable them to discharge their mandates; and
- d) periodic coordination between the regional guarantors and international partners through alignment of messages and actions.

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

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

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