



Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC)

The 6th meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) was convened in Juba on 9 March 2016 by the Chairperson of JMEC, His Excellency Mr. Festus G. Mogae. The meeting was called to order at 10:09, and adjourned at 15:33.

In attendance were:

For the Parties to the Agreement:

1. Hon. Nhial Deng Nhial, for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan
2. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan
3. Gen. Taban Deng Gai, for the SPLM/A (In Opposition)
4. Mr. Stephen Par Tap, for the SPLM/A (In Opposition)
5. Mr. Kosti Manibe Ngai, for the SPLM Former Detainees
6. Dr. Lam Akol Ajawin, for the Other Political Parties

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents

1. Rt. Revd. Bishop Enock Tombe, for the Faith Based Leaders
2. Mr. Mohammed Moragan, for the Faith Based Leaders
3. Mrs. Amer Manyok Deng, for the Women's Bloc
4. Mrs. Alokiir Malual Aguer, for Civil Society
5. Gen. Andrew Makur, for the Eminent Personalities
6. Ms. Koiti Emmily, For the Youth Groups

For the Regional Guarantors

1. Amb. Fisseha Shawl, for the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
2. Amb. Cleland Leshore, for the Republic of Kenya
3. Amb. Jamal Elsheikh, for the Republic of Sudan
4. Gen. Ivan Koreta, for the Republic of Uganda
5. Amb. Gabriel Phemelo Setlhoke, for the Republic of South Africa
6. Gen. Sara Rwambali, for the African Union Commission

For the International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. Amb. Ma Qiang, for the People's Republic of China
2. Amb. Tone Tinnes, for the Kingdom of Norway
3. Amb. Timothy Morris, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
4. Amb. Molly C. Phee, for the United States of America
5. Mrs. Ellen M. Løj, for the United Nations
6. Amb. Stefano de Leo, for the European Union
7. Amb. Nicholas Coghlan, for the IGAD Partners Forum

For the JMEC Secretariat

1. His Excellency François Lounceny Fall, Deputy Chairperson of JMEC
2. Amb. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Special Advisor to the JMEC Chairperson
3. Mr. Aly Verjee, Deputy Chief of Staff
4. Mr. Bi Haibo, Deputy Chief of Staff

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC)

1. The draft agenda of the meeting was adopted, with two amendments proposed by the SPLM/A (IO): Cantonment sites in Bahr el Ghazal and Equatoria, and, Adherence to the Permanent Ceasefire. These were added to the agenda as points c and d under agenda item 6.
2. Under agenda item 4, Addressing Constraints on Humanitarian Access, the representative of the United Nations noted the existence of road blocks, restrictions imposed by the authorities on the freedom of humanitarian access, and targeting of humanitarian facilities as the three principal challenges to the humanitarian response. Both the Government and the SPLM/A (IO) responded that there is no policy to frustrate the work of the humanitarian agencies or prevent humanitarian access. However, a number of JMEC members detailed the numerous and repeated violations of humanitarian access, and called for the parties to act to reduce restrictions.
3. The Chairperson observed that the Agreement requires the Parties to provide unconditional humanitarian access, and that it is within the mandate of JMEC to oversee all issues in the Agreement, including humanitarian affairs as outlined in Chapter III of the Agreement. The Chairperson agreed that this item would be maintained on the agenda of JMEC, so that JMEC could hear what actions the parties have taken to improve the situation.
4. Concerning the formation of the Transitional Government of National Unity, the Chairperson noted that the 1,370 SPLM/A (In Opposition) forces had yet to return to Juba, pending ongoing discussion of the transportation of RPG-7 weapons. The Chairperson welcomed the commitment by the international community to support the return process. The Chairperson further welcomed the consolidation of forces in one location for movement in the vicinity of Malakal, and urged the Parties to work together to ensure troops moved safely and swiftly from Malakal.
5. The Chairperson noted his concern at the number of restrictions reported by the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM), in terms of its work to investigate reported ceasefire violations, and recalled the Parties' obligations to ensure cooperation with CTSAMM.
6. The Joint Military Ceasefire Commission (JMCC) announced its consent to CTSAMM conducting verification visits in Bahr el Ghazal and Equatoria, to ascertain whether forces of the SPLM/A (In Opposition) were present there, and therefore provide for a determination of the need for cantonment of forces in those areas. The JMCC's decision was welcomed by the JMEC membership.