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**A statement by Lieutenant General James Koang Chuol
(Chairperson of the JMCC):**

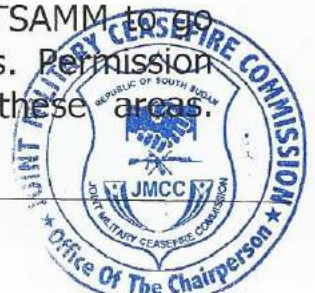
Your Excellency Chairman of the JMEC, and honourable members,

The Joint Military Ceasefire Commission (JMCC) presents its compliments and is privileged to provide a status report on the recent work conducted by the JMCC.

Since the last report the JMCC has met three times, on the 25th and 29th of February and on the 7th of March 2016. The JMCC is committed to meet on a weekly basis to resolve urgent issues relating to the permanent ceasefire and transitional security arrangements. In addition, the Secretariat continue to work together on a daily basis. The next meeting of the JMCC will take place on Tuesday March 15, 2016.

I am pleased to report the following progress:

1. The National Architecture for the Implementation of the Permanent Ceasefire and Unification of Forces has been established as I reported in the last meeting. What remains critical is its operationalization. I would like to inform that, JMCC has not received support to operationalize the National Architecture. The JMCC Secretariat shall revise the National Architecture budget this week, and looks forward to working with international partners to fully implement the National Architecture at the earliest opportunity. Support from the international community is crucial to the timely deployment of the architecture and delays are likely to result in continued localized conflict.
2. The JMCC has resolved the majority of issues relating to the cantonment of forces. Two issues remain unresolved: The location of sites in the Equatoria and Bahr El Ghazal, and elements of the eligibility criteria. JMCC has received a letter from CTSAMM to go and verify SPLM/SPLA (IO) presence in these areas. Permission has already been granted for CTSAMM to visit these areas.



Elements of the eligibility criteria shall be resolved at the level of the Shared Unified Command.

3. The JMCC has also commissioned the production of a Ceasefire Map, which will show the locations of cantonment sites, the locations of all National Architecture sites (AJMCCs and JMCTs) and the location of CTSAMM sites. This will be complete by the end of the month.
4. Regarding the transitional security arrangements, the JMCC completed the verification of the redeployment sites, which are located outside of the 25km zone. The JMCC worked alongside the CTSAMM to conduct the verification.
5. JMCC also conducted detailed planning for the implementation of the phase I of the deployment of SPLM/SPLA – (IO) forces to Juba and the phase I of redeployment of SPLA forces outside of the 25km zone. The JMCC Secretariat shall complete plans for the reception of SPLM/SPLA (IO) forces deploying to Juba and a comprehensive declaration of all forces remain in the Juba and report of forces that have redeployed outside Juba in the coming days.
6. During the Eighth (8) Meeting of the JMCC held on March 7, 2016 in Juba, it was resolved that SPLM/SPLA (IO) forces deploying to Juba in phase I can come with AKMs, PKMs and RPG 7s which can be facilitated by the International Community.
7. The JMCC appreciates the support rendered by the International Community to prepare the sites where the forces shall stay, however, I would like to bring to your attention that, there is still more work that needs to be done. We need to deploy senior officers to Kaldak, Malakal, Pagak and Juba to manage and coordinate movement of these forces. The JMCC Secretariat shall prepare a special request for this operation.



In summary, the meetings of the JMCC continue to be successful and productive, despite the numerous challenges faced by the Commission. Further hard work and decision-making will take place this week in order to ensure implementation of the ceasefire and transitional security arrangements stays on-course. We remain committed to ensure that the substantive aspects of Chapter II are implemented as soon as possible.

Finally, we urge the international community to support funding of the National Architecture, and the implementation of the transitional security arrangements. Timely and effective support will accelerate the implementation of the Agreement and help to secure a stable future for South Sudan.

I look forward to providing the Chairperson and members of the JMEC a further update during your next meeting.

