



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

16th RJMEC Meeting

Palm Africa Hotel, 04 February 2021, Juba, South Sudan

The 16th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 04 February 2021 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Maj. General (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai.

In attendance were the representatives of the Parties and Stakeholders in RJMEC namely:

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro (I-TGoNU)
2. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
3. Hon. Peter Mabior Riiny (SSOA)
4. Hon. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents

1. Mr. Mohamed El-Hassan Abdel Meragan (Faith-based leader)
2. Bishop (rtd)Enock Tombe Stephen (Faith-based leader)
3. Prof. Francis Deng (Eminent Persons)
4. Sheik Vitale Aligo Samson (CSO Alliance)
5. Ms. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Community)
6. Mr. Santino Garang Apiny (Business Community)
7. Mr. Rajab John Mohandis (CSO Forum)
8. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)
9. Mr. Wani Michael (Youth)

For the Regional Guarantors

1. Mr. Temesgen Teshale (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Ali Mambo (Kenya)
3. Mr. Hassan Robleh (Djibouti)
4. Mr. Gamal M. A. Goraish (Sudan)
5. H.E Hussein Hagi Ahmed Mohamed (Somalia)
6. Brig. Gen. D. Twesigomwe (Uganda)
7. Mr. Judah Muoh (Nigeria)
8. Mr. Machiel Van Nieverk (South Africa)
9. H.E. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
10. Mr. Tesfaye Negassa (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. Mr. MA Wenjun (China)
2. Amb. Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. Mr. William Echols (USA)
4. Amb. Jonny Baxter (UK)
5. Mr. David Shearer (UNMISS)
6. Mr. Alessandro Rossi (EU)
7. Mr. Michel L.H Deelen (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat

1. Ambassador Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff - RJMEC
2. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff- Strategy - RJMEC
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Senior Legal and Constitutional Affairs - RJMEC

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms

1. Hon. Geoffrey Gichira Kibara, Chairperson, NCAC
2. Maj. Gen. Dafaalla Hamid Dafaalla, Deputy Chairperson, CTSAMVM
3. Gen. J.J. Okot, Chairperson, JDB
4. Lt. Gen. Gabriel Duop Lam, Co-Chairperson, JDB
5. Lt. Gen. Julius Tabuley, Co-Chairperson, JDB
6. Maj. Gen Dr. Olaw Adiang Nijiok, Head of secretariat JTSC
7. Lt. Gen. Charles Dut, Chairperson JMCC
8. Lt. Gen. Koang Gatkuoth Kerjok, JMCC
9. Hon. Madam Angelina Teny, Chairperson SDSR Board

10.Hon. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson, DDR Commission

Observers

1. Mr. Mitsuhiro Toyama (Japan)
2. Mr. Mohamed Elbadry (Egypt)
3. H.E Urban Sjostrom (Sweden)
4. H.E. Marc Trouyet (France)
5. Ms. Janika Walter (Germany)
6. Ms. Joane Holliger (Switzerland)
7. Mr. Peterson Magoola (UN-Women)

The 16th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) The minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- e) Reports from Agreement institutions and mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JMCC and DDR Commission);
- f) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's Statement, RTGoNU report, UNMISS SRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- g) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, NCAC, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JDB, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 15th RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 26 November 2020;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Maj. General (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, and endorsed the observations and recommendations therein;
3. **Welcomed** the representative of Djibouti, Mr. Hassan Robleh and the new United Kingdom Ambassador designate H.E. Jonny Baxter to their first RJMEC meeting,

expressed readiness to work together for peace in South Sudan and **wished** them success in their mission;

4. **Welcomed** the progress made by the RTGoNU in appointing of the Governor of Upper Nile state and deputy governors for all the ten States. However, it **noted with concern** that the appointments fell short of the 35% of the required level of women's representation in the executive of the RTGoNU and **urged** the Parties to appoint more women in the state executive positions. In view of the above, it **further welcomed** the resolution of the meeting of the Presidency on Tuesday 2 February 2021 to among others reconstitute the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) and the Council of States by 15 February 2021, and **appealed** to the ITGoNU, SSOA and OPP to expeditiously submit their lists of TNLA nominees to the National Constitutional Amendment Commitment (NCAC) as required by the Agreement;
5. **Thanked** Mr. David Shearer, the UNMISS SRSG for his briefing and also the Chairpersons or representatives of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, and **commended** all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement who submitted their reports in advance and for the progress made, and **appealed** for more efforts to catch up on all the outstanding tasks;
6. **Welcomed** the efforts of the Public Financial Management Oversight Committee in building the capacity of the government to implement its reform strategy that is aligned to the R-ARCSS and **reiterated** the need for the establishment of the Economic and Financial Management Authority (EFMA) as mandated in the R-ARCSS to report to the RJMEC on progress in implementation against provisions of the Agreement. In this regard, it **requested** the RTGoNU to provide an update on the status of operationalising the oil revenue funds and the different enterprise development funds, including the Youth and Women Enterprise Development Funds, as mandated under Article 4.15.1 of the R-ARCSS;
7. **Took note** of the pending expiry of the twelve months mandate of the NCAC into the Transitional Period and **appreciated** the RJMEC Interim Chairperson for bringing this matter to the attention of the IGAD for its consideration.

8. **Expressed serious concern** that the humanitarian situation in South Sudan remains dire, as reported by OCHA, that over 8.3 million people are estimated to need humanitarian assistance this year, up from 7.5 million in 2020, and **appealed** for more humanitarian funding to aid agencies and assistance to the affected population. In this regard, it also **condemned** all forms of impediments to humanitarian access, including bureaucratic impediments, and requested the RTGoNU to brief the RJMEC on steps being taken to address the reported impediments to humanitarian access;
9. **Urged** the ITGoNU, SSOA and OPP to urgently submit their lists of TNLA nominees to the NCAC and **further urged** the Parties to immediately reconstitute the TNLA and the Council of States, two critical legislative institutions of government, whose operationalisation will enhance the normal functioning of government at all levels. In this regard, it **urged** the Parties to observe the 35% level of women's representation throughout the establishment and reconstitution of all Government structures;
10. **Noted with serious concern** the stalled process of unification of forces, the dire state of many cantonment sites and training centres which lack food, medicines, separate facilities for women, and other essential resources, resulting in some ex-combatants and trainees abandoning cantonment sites and training centres, as observed in the recent joint IGAD, AU visit organised by RJMEC, as well as reported by CTSAMVM, and **urged** the RTGoNU and NTC to immediately avail adequate funding and resources to the cantonment sites and training centres. Also, it **called** for continued focus on investigating, arresting, prosecuting and sentencing of perpetrators of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) crimes, as well as continued training and sensitisation on SGBV issued with the organised forces;
11. **Expressed serious concern with** the failure by the National Transitional Committee (NTC) to provide the necessary support to the security mechanisms to discharge their mandate and continued failure to brief the RJMEC meetings on their efforts in coordinating effective and full implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements, as required in their terms of reference, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to provide the NTC with the necessary fund and prevail upon them to report to the RJMEC on their activities;

12. **Called upon** the RTGoNU and the SDSR Board to expedite their work on security sector reform and to finalise the first stage of the Strategic Defence and Security Review Board tasks in line with the requirements of the R-ARCSS, and **reiterated its appeal** to the RTGoNU to provide the necessary logistical and financial support to the DDR Commission to discharge its mandate of addressing the needs of the forces that are not eligible for the unified forces;
13. **Welcomed** the endorsement by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers of the roadmap presented by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for the implementation of Chapter 5 on Transitional Justice, and Chapter 6 on the constitutional making process and judicial reforms, **requested** the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to kindly share with RJMEC the proposed roadmap for oversight purposes and **appealed** to the Minister, following the endorsement by the Council, to immediately commence public consultations on the establishment of the three Transitional Justice Mechanisms provided for under Chapter 5 of the R-ARCSS, and to enhance its cooperation with the AU for the timely establishment of the Hybrid Court for South Sudan;
14. **Commended** the members of the different RJMEC Working Committees which are already meeting, **urged** the representatives of the various line ministries and RTGoNU clusters to attend and participate in these committee meetings, and **welcomed** the planned review workshop on the status of the implementation of the various chapters of the Agreement.
15. **Appreciated** the commitment of the RJMEC Secretariat and the Max Planck Foundation for the progress made in preparation for the convening of the workshop for the Parties to agree on the details of the permanent constitution-making process, **commended** the Parties and stakeholders who have participated in the pre-workshop sensitisation meetings, and **urged** the RTGoNU to submit the list of its representatives for a timely convening of the workshop;
16. **Took note** of the latest RJMEC Quarterly Implementation Status Report and a summary report for the Pre-Transitional Period. **Regretted** that overall progress has been slow, and hence a lot of ground remains to be covered. In view of the above it **appealed** to the RTGoNU to take steps that will contribute to increasing the pace of implementation of the Agreement;

17. **Reiterated** its appeal to the RTGoNU to avail the necessary resources to the various mechanisms of the Agreement and **further appealed** to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan to continue and enhance financial, political and in-kind support to the full implementation of the R-ARCSS;
18. **Agreed** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting will be on 11 March 2021; and
19. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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