



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

19th RJMEC Meeting

**Palm Africa Hotel, 28 October 2021
Juba, South Sudan**

The 19th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 28 October chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Maj. General Charles Tai Gituai (rtd).

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 (ITGoNU)
2. Hon. Amb. Stephen Par Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
3. Hon. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
4. Hon. Peter Mabior Riiny (SSOA)
5. Hon. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FD)
6. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents

1. Bishop (rtd) Enock Tombe Stephen (Faith-based leader)
2. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)
3. Mr. Daniel Mwaka (Youth)
4. Ms. Mary Akech Bior (Women Bloc)
5. Prof. Pauline Riak (Academia)
6. Sheikh Samson Vitale (CSO Alliance)
7. Ms. Rita Lopidia (Women's Coalition)

For the Regional Guarantors

1. H.E. Nebil Mahdi (Ethiopia)
2. H.E. Samuel Nandwa (Kenya)
3. Mr. Hassan Robleh Mohamoud (Djibouti)
4. H.E. Abdihakim Omar (Somalia)
5. Mr. Kabugudho Anthony (Uganda)
6. Mr. Lutendo Ratshibaya (South Africa)
7. H.E. Ibim Nkem Charles (Nigeria)
8. Mr. Mustafa Ahmed Al-Mubarak (Sudan)
9. H.E. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
10. Dr. Philip Mwanika (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Mr. Pal Klouman Bekken (Norway)
3. Mr. Enrique Gallego (USA)
4. Ms. Kate Johnston (UK)
5. Mr. Guang Cong (UNMISS)
6. Mr. Dionyz Hochel (EU)
7. H.E. Jenny Hill (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat

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

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms

1. Mr. Evan Doctor, NTC
2. Maj. Gen. Teshome Gemechu Aderie, Chairperson, CTSAMVM
3. Brig. Gen. Saeed Mohamed, Deputy - Chairperson, CTSAMVM
4. Lt. Gen. Gabriel Doup, Co-Chair, JDB
5. Lt. Gen. Julius Tabuley, Co-Chair, JDB
6. Lt. Gen. Rabi Mujung Emmanuel, representing JDB Chair
7. Hon. Angelina Teny, Chairperson, SDSR Board
8. Brig. Gen. Angelos Dhal Agok. Deputy Head of Secretariat (JDB)
9. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samsom, Co - Chairperson JTSC
10. Hon. Regina Joseph Kaba, Deputy Chairperson, DDR Commission

Observers

1. Mr. Xavier Verjus-Renard (France)
2. Mr. Ahmed Tawfek (Egypt)
3. Mr. Simon Ruf (Germany)
4. Ms. Lydia Minagano (Switzerland)
5. Mr. Peterson Magoola (UN Women)
6. Ms. Riko Kato (Japan)
7. Mr. Gira Charles Binya (MoFA)

The 19th 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) Report from the NTC;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS DSRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement institutions and mechanisms (CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JMCC and DDR Commission);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS DSRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- h) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS DSRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, NTC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSRB, and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 18th RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 22 July 2021;
2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Maj Gen Charles Tai Gituai (rtd), the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his detailed assessment of the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS and the RJMEC Quarterly Report for July-September 2021 and **endorsed** the observations and recommendations therein;
3. **Welcomed** the new Ambassadors to the Republic of South Sudan who are RJMEC members, namely H.E. Samuel Nandwa of Kenya and H.E. Ibim Nkem Charles of Nigeria and **expressed** optimism in a cordial working relationship with both of

them. **Bade farewell** to the outgoing Canadian Ambassador H.E. Jenny Hill, Co-Chair of the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF), **thanked** her for her contributions to the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan and her support to RJMEC mandate; and **wished** her well in her next assignments;

4. **Welcomed** the report from the RTGoNU on the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS, including that all six revised security laws have now been approved by Cabinet, its update on pending reconstitution of national Commissions and the formation of Specialised Committees of the reconstituted TNL and **requested** RTGoNU to provide RJMEC members with a plan on how it will implement all the outstanding tasks in the remainder of the Transitional Period in the next meeting;
5. **Commended** the decision of the Council of Ministers to endorse the Constitution Making Process Bill 2021 and **called upon** the reconstituted TNL to fast-track its handling of all endorsed bills due to be ratified, including the Permanent Constitution Making Process Bill 2021, before the end of the year;
6. **Thanked** Hon. Stephen Par Kuol, Secretary to the NTC, for its report, Mr. Guang Cong, the UNMISS Deputy SRSG, for his briefing, and all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR and DDR Commission for their reports, **commended** all the Institutions and Mechanisms of the Agreement which submitted their reports in advance;
7. **Commended** the Interim Chairperson H.E. Maj. General Charles Tai Gituai for his recent high-level diplomatic efforts in the region to brief the leadership of IGAD on the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS and to encourage further support to the peace process in South Sudan and **encouraged** him to continue such diplomatic engagements with the guarantors and all partners to the Peace Agreement;
8. **Welcomed** the approval of all six revised security bills namely: Correctional Services, Civil Defence, SSPDF, National Police Service, National Security Services, and Wildlife bills, as well as the two constitutional amendment bills by the RTGoNU Council of Ministers. In this regard, it **urged** the RTGoNU to fast-track their ratification and enactment;

9. **Noted with concern** the delayed establishment of the State Legislatures, which are critical to complete the state level governance structures and **urged** the Parties to expedite their reconstitution in order to enable them to perform their subnational duties. In this regard, it **welcomed** the RTGoNU report that members of the State Legislatures will soon be appointed with exception of the OPP representatives who are yet to be agreed upon. Accordingly, it **urged** the OPP to quickly resolve their differences and submit names of their representatives to the State Legislatures for appointment. It also **appealed** to the RTGoNU to expedite the reconstitution of the Commissions and Institutions at the national level as stipulated in the Agreement;
10. **Further commended** the progress being made in the establishment of the *ad hoc* Judicial Reform Committee including nominations by SPLM/A-IO, SSOA, FDs, and OPP of their representatives to the Committee. In this regard, it **appealed** to the ITGoNU and IGAD to finalise their nominations and establish the JRC;
11. **Took note** of CTSAMVM's report that, overall, the Permanent Ceasefire continues to hold amongst the Parties to the R-ARCSS, but **condemned** all the reported incidents of violations, including the rape of a 45-year-old woman in Yabongo Boma, Nzara County, allegedly by an SPLM/A-IO soldier from Lirangu camp, and urged the leadership of the SPLM/A-IO to bring the alleged perpetrator to book and to take concrete steps to ensure non-recurrence of sexual and gender based violence perpetrated by its ranks;
12. **Regretted** that very little progress has been made on the Transitional Security Arrangements (TSA). In view of the above, it **welcomed** the directive from the Presidency to the JDB to develop plans and commence preparations for graduation of unified forces within four weeks. **Urged** the RTGoNU to make financial resources available for the completion of the Transitional Security Arrangements, including graduation and redeployment of unified forces, as well as for DDR programmes. **Appealed** to the leadership of the Parties to urgently resolve the issue of the ratio of the unified forces and the unified command structure of the Necessary Unified Forces;
13. **Noted** with great concern that the security situation in Tambura, Western Equatoria, has large numbers of civilians displaced, and humanitarian assistance is hampered by the lack of secure access to areas where it is needed. **Encouraged**

by reports from CTSAMVM that the presence of the JDB team in Tambura over the past month has played a vital role in stabilising the situation and **called upon** the RTGoNU, the State Government, traditional leaders and religious leaders to continue to work together and address the root causes of the situation in Tambura for the long-term solution;

14. **Expressed serious concern** that the humanitarian situation in South Sudan continues to deteriorate, compounded by floods, threats to aid workers and shortage of funds. In this regard it **noted with serious concern** reports from UNOCHA that there are 700,000 people affected by flooding in 27 counties across eight states since May 2021, with the worst affected States reported as being Jonglei, Unity, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Upper Nile, being confronted with high levels of food insecurity, poor access to basic services and face the threat of water borne diseases. In view of the above it **commended** all those who have extended assistance to help the flooding situation and **appealed** for more resources to alleviate the suffering of those affected;
15. **Reiterated** the urgency of establishing the Special Reconstruction Fund (SRF) and **urged** the RTGoNU to work closely with international partners to establish the Board of the SRF without further delay;
16. **Expressed serious concern** with the continuing threats to the safety of humanitarian workers in light of the recent UNOCHA report that out of 174 humanitarian access incidents reported in the third quarter of this year, 97 were violence and threats against humanitarian personnel and assets. In view of the above, it **urged** the RTGoNU to ensure the protection and safety of aid workers to enable the delivery of much needed humanitarian services;
17. **Called** for the immediate reconstitution of key economic and finance management institutions to ensure a transparent and accountable public sector, including the National Audit Chamber and the Anti-Corruption Commission and urged the RTGoNU to give these institutions the attention required. In this regard, it **welcomed** the ongoing efforts to rationalise and streamline the petroleum sector, especially issues related to environmental impact and human resource management, as well as matters of accountability and transparency in the management of oil resources and **requested** the RTGoNU to brief RJMEC

members on key findings and recommendations from the ongoing environmental audit;

18. **Noted that** public consultations on the establishment of the Commission on Truth, Reconciliation, and Healing (CTRH) are yet to commence as required under Article 5.2.1.3 and that the Technical Committee on the establishment of the CTRH has developed a 6-month work plan and a budget, which is yet to be funded. In this regard, it **appealed** to the RTGoNU and the international community to support the work of the Technical Committee. On the Hybrid Court for South Sudan (HCSS), it **encouraged** the RTGoNU and the African Union Commission to expedite their discussions in relation to establishing the Court;
19. **Reiterated** its appeal to the RTGoNU to avail the necessary resources for the full implementation of the Agreement, including to NTC, for the completion of the Transitional Security Arrangements, and for DDR programmes; and **further appealed** to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan to continue and enhance the financial, political and in-kind support to the full implementation of the R-ARCSS;
20. **Agreed** that the date for the next RJMEC meeting will be communicated by the Secretariat; and
21. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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