



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

**Resolutions of the
30th RJMEC Meeting**

Beijing Juba Hotel, 06th July 2023

Juba, South Sudan

The 30th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC on Transitional Security Arrangements;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS DSGSR;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (JRC, JDB, SDRS Board, JTSC, 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.

In attendance were representatives of all the Parties to the 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 UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from RTGoNU, NTC, JDB, SDSR, JMCC, JTSC and JRC, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his assessment of the status of implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement as per the Roadmap, updates on recent RJMEC engagements, recurrent challenges, critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS, and endorsed all his recommendations therein;
2. **Bade farewell** to Mr. Tomas Brudin, outgoing Swedish Charge D' Affaires to the Republic of South Sudan as his tour of duty comes to an end, and **welcomed** H.E Yohanes T. Micheal Ambassador of the Republic of Eritrea to the RJMEC meeting and **congratulated** Eritea for rejoining IGAD membership;
3. **Congratulated** the Republic of Djibouti on assuming the Chairmanship of IGAD, and **welcomed** the encourgaing words by H.E Hassan Robleh Mahamoud, the Djibourtian Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and his passionate appeal for a peaceful resolution of the confict in the Republic of Sudan, and call to all South Sudanese parties to embrace dialogue and reconciliation as they commemorate their 12th anniversary of Independence. **Congratulated** the people and government of Canada upon its occasion of the Canadian Day on 1st July 2023;
4. **Commended** the government and people of the Republic of South Sudan on attaining this Independence milestone and more importantly on sustaining the peace efforts over the last five years since the signing of the Revitalized Peace Agreement in 2018, and **encouraged** all the Parties and RTGoNU to seize this opportunity to consolidate the peace dividends and implement the critical tasks in the Roadmap so as to fulfil the aspirations of her people for justice, equality, respect for human rights and the rule of law;
5. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 29th RJMEC meeting with amendments and a corrigendum explaining the SPLM/A-IO's position regarding sections 6.2 and 6.6 of the minutes;

6. **Thanked** Mr. Nicholas Haysom, the UNMISS SRSG, for his briefing, including detailed updates on his recent briefing to the UNSC, assessment of the current humanitarian situation in South Sudan, protection of civilians as per its mandate, observations on the status of implementation of the Agreement, and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU in this regard;
7. **Appreciated** all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the JDB, JMCC, SDRS Board and JRC for their reports, took note of the reported progress or lack thereof, challenges identified especially lack of funding, logistical and basic services and **endorsed** all their recommendations to CTSAMVM, RJMEC, NTC and RTGoNU. In this regard **regretted** that the PFM-Oversight Committee, CTSAMVM, JMCC and NCAC could not present their report for various reasons;
8. **Underscored** that the RTGoNU is now only seventeen months to elections scheduled for December 2024, but **expressed serious concerns** that critical milestones as set out in the Revitalized Peace Agreement have not been accomplished in accordance to the timelines in the Roadmap. In this regard, **reiterated** its appeal to the parties and RTGoNU to fast-track implementation of all pending tasks in accordance to the Roadmap;
9. **Welcomed** the recent engagements of the RJMEC Interim Chairperson including his attendance at the 14th Ordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Djibouti, and briefings to the United Nations Security Council in New York on the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan and **reiterated** its appeal to the UN and international community for continued political and financial support towards the full implementation of the R-ARCSS;
10. **Welcomed** the tabling before the reconstituted Transitional National Legislature (TNL) of the National Elections Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 and the Anti-Corruption Commission Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 on 5th June 2023 and encouraged expeditious enactment of these laws;
11. **Commended** the RTGoNU for the Budget Appropriation for 2023/2024 for peace implementation generally, and specifically for dedicating a budget for implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements and **recommended** the need to align the budget to also prioritize constitution-making and electoral processes;

12. **Welcomed** the extension of the mandate of the National Constitutional Amendment Committee (NCAC) to enable the Committee to complete its pending tasks, namely: to draft and complete amendments to the NGO, the Investment Promotion, the Mining, the Transport, the Pension Fund, and the Telecommunication Acts and urged the Committee to reconvene and complete these important outstanding tasks;
13. **Welcomed** the RTGoNU's report on progress made in the process of restructuring and reconstitution of the independent Commissions and Institutions at the national level as per article 1.19 of the R-ARCSS, as well as reconstitution of the Political Parties Council and the National Constitutional Review Commission and **welcomed** agreement reached regarding the positions of Secretary Generals of these Commissions who will remain non-partisan civil servants;
14. **Expressed serious concerns** on the continued lack of funding to the peace implementation mechanisms, despite RTGoNU reports of previous fundings extended to the National Transitional Committee (NTC), and other relevant line ministries. In this regard, it **called** for proper auditing of previous disbursements to NTC and other relevant line ministries;
15. **Commended** the SSPDF leadership's efforts in inculcating discipline and holding the forces accountable, as evidenced by its recent General Court Martials which tried 32 cases in Yei, Central Equatorial State during which the accused soldiers and junior officers were arraigned on offences ranging from murder to sexual and gender-based violence and sentenced to imprisonment, dismissal, reduction in rank, fines and compensation to the victims. In this regard **encouraged** all other forces to institutionalize accountability measures and take steps to prevent recurrence of such crimes, especially SGBV and for rehabilitation of victims;
16. **Further commended** the ongoing police reform efforts with a focus on preventing and investigating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, including by strengthening the police capabilities in identifying and investigating SGBV cases;

17. **Noted with concerns**, that the onset of rains and the influx of refugees and returnees from Sudan continue to exacerbate the already severe humanitarian needs in the country, and the growing population of returnees who are stranded in Renk, Upper Nile State where conditions are deteriorating, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU and the international community to mobilize additional support for resettlement of the returnees;
18. **Commended** the policy of the government to maintain an open border with the Republic of Sudan, which has enabled entrance by many returnees and refugees escaping the conflict in Sudan and **called upon** the government to mobilize additional financial support to aid the returnees and refugees. Further, **regretted** the recent outbreak of violence in the Protection of Civilian (PoC) site in Malakal and **urged** the authorities to work with the UN and put in place measures to prevent any such recurrence in the future, including by urgently redeploying the graduated NUF to provide security around the country;
19. **Regretted that** there has not been progress made on the establishment and operationalization of the Enterprises Development Funds. In this regard it **called** for the RTGoNU to expedite enactment of the legal frameworks for the establishment of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund and the Women Enterprise Development Fund;
20. **Urged** the RTGoNU to expedite the drafting of the Bills for the Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) Bills and fast-track their establishment;
21. **Regretted** the lack of progress in the making of the Permanent Constitution, especially delayed reconstitution of the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) and establishment of the other mechanisms like the Constitutional Drafting Committee (CDC) and Preparatory Sub-Committee (PSC) for the National Constitutional Conference. In this regard, took **note** of the update provided by the RTGoNU and is encouraged by reports that all the stakeholders have submitted their lists of representatives to reconstitute the NCRC and establish the PSC and that the Parties have agreed on the allocation of membership within the NCRC and PSC, and that SSOA and FDs have submitted their lists. In this regard, **urged** the remaining Parties to urgently submit the list of their nominees to complete the reconstitution of the Commissions;

22. **Underscored** the critical benchmarks outlined in the R-ARCSS which should be achieved in order to conduct free, fair, and credible elections as scheduled, namely:

- a) reconstitution and operationalization of the institutions tasked with the preparation and conduct of elections, namely the Political Parties Council and the National Elections Commission;
- b) judicial reforms to enhance the capacity and independence of the judicial institutions to deal with elections-related disputes;
- c) completion of the unification and redeployment of forces to provide security throughout the electoral process;
- d) the making of the Permanent Constitution under whose provision elections shall be conducted; and
- e) improvement to the overall political and civic space to enhance public participation in the constitution-making and electoral processes.

23. **Observed** the critical need to deliberately hasten the pace of implementation of the Agreement and **recommended** to the RTGoNU to:

- a. provide adequate and predictable funding for the implementation of all the critical pending tasks of the Agreement;
- b. consult and dialogue in the spirit of collegial collaboration and consensus to address emerging issues during the implementation of the Agreement;
- c. prioritize efforts aimed at promoting peace, reconciliation, and healing at national and community level;
- d. prioritize implementation of the social service provision as outlined in the Budget Appropriation Bill 2023-24 in order to reduce economic vulnerability of ordinary citizens; and
- e. provide immediate support to returnees to enable their resettlement and/or reintegration in their communities or places of choice in safety and dignity.

24. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be on **10th of August 2023**; and

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

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