



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

**Resolutions of the
32nd RJMEC Meeting**

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 05th October 2023
Juba, South Sudan**

The 32nd RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Minutes of the last meeting;
- b) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC on Transitional Security Arrangements;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (NCAC, PFM-OC, JRC, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC, and DDR Commission);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS SRSG 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, JDB, SDSR, JMCC, JTSC, NCAC and JRC, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the Minutes of the 31st RJMEC meeting without any amendment.
2. **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 five years since it was signed in September 2018, his updates on recent developments in the implementation of the R-ARCSS as well as RJMEC efforts to rally support to the South Sudan peace process, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;
3. **Thanked** Hon. Dr Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and RTGoNU representative for his report on the status of implementation of the critical tasks of the R-ARCSS in accordance with the Roadmap, including his update that the Bills for the establishment of the Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and the Commission and Reparation Authority (CRA) will be deliberated upon by the Council of Ministers on

Friday 06th October 2023 and forwarded to Parliament thereafter. In this regard, **welcomed** the signing into law of the National Elections Act (as amended) as an important step in realising the democratic aspiration of the people of South Sudan and **called for** the expeditious reconstitution of the National Elections Commission as well as other related institutions and mechanisms and to avail the requisite resources to effectively undertake their important mandate;

4. **Thanked** Mr. Nicholas Haysom, the UNMISS SRSG for his briefing, including detailed updates on the current humanitarian situation in South Sudan, protection of civilians as per the UNMISS mandate, observations on the status of implementation of the Agreement and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU in this regard;
5. **Welcomed** Mr. Christian Sedat the Ambassador designate of the Federal Republic of Germany to South Sudan and Mr. Lothar Jaschke, EU Deputy Head of Delegation to South Sudan, and **expressed RJMEC's** readiness to work with them in pursuit of peace in the Republic of South Sudan, and further **appealed** for their continued and enhanced support to the peace process;
6. **Congratulated** Hon. Angelina Teny for her recent appointment as the Minister of Interior for the Republic of South Sudan, **wished** the Honorable Minister success in her new assignment as well as her ongoing leadership

of SDSR Board and **commended** the RTGoNU Parties for overcoming the deadlock in this regard;

7. **Appreciated** all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the NCAC, JDB, JMCC, SDSR Board, JTSC, DDR and Judicial Review Committee (JRC) for their reports, **took note** of the reported progress, and **endorsed** all their recommendations. In this regard, **commended** the NCAC for its resumption of work and for expeditiously processing and submitting the NGO Act 2016 Amendment Bill and the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Act to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to expedite the enactment of these laws;

8. **Congratulated** the people of South Sudan and the parties to the Revitalised Peace Agreement on passing the five years mark since the R-ARCSS was signed on 12th September 2018, challenges notwithstanding, and **encouraged** the Parties to fast-track implementation of all the critical pending tasks and to consolidate the peace dividends through a democratic political transition;

9. **Welcomed** the passage by TNLA on 25th September 2023 of the Bank of South Sudan Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 and the Banking Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 and on 04th October 2023 of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 and **appealed** to the President to assent to these important bills into law and ensure their full and expeditious operationalization;

10. **Expressed concerns** that the Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) was not able to undertake its planned public consultations in the States and Administrative Areas due to financial constraints and **appealed** to the RTGoNU and all partners to support the JRC to continue its work and conclude its important mandate to study and recommend appropriate judicial reforms;

11. **Expressed serious concerns** that there has not been any significant progress in the redeployment of Phase 1 of the graduated unified forces and commencement of Phase II despite food and other supplies having been procured and distributed to some Training Centers and JTSC regional assessment teams deployed. In this regard, **took note** of the reports from both JTSC and JMCC on the ongoing preparations for Phase II as well as the challenges facing the NUF process, and **appealed** to the NTC to avail the requisite resources to all the security mechanisms, including to the DDR Commission;

12. **Expressed serious concerns** that seven CTSAMVM violation reports have not been published because the CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) and Board have not met since April 2023 due to the ongoing operational and administrative challenges. In this regard, **appealed** to the Principals to the Revitalized Peace Agreement and the Chairperson of the NTC to resolve the matter of the CTC and expedite the operationalization of the changes in the Terms of Reference as revised by IGAD to enable CTSAMVM to fully

discharge its mandate of monitoring and verifying compliance of the Parties to the Permanent Ceasefire;

13. **Commended** the people and Government of the Republic of South Sudan for maintaining an open border policy which has allowed refugees and returnees fleeing the conflicts in the Republic of Sudan to find safety. It **took note** of the increasing scale of humanitarian need exacerbated by the influx of these refugees and returnees and **appealed** to the RTGoNU and all partners to provide further humanitarian assistance. In this regard, **took note** of the RTGoNU report that the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management is in the final process of passing the South Sudan Durable Solution Strategy and Plan of Action for refugees, returnees and IDPs and host community;
14. **Condemned** the attacks on humanitarian aid workers in their line of duty and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to take steps to guarantee a safe and secure environment in which humanitarian assistance can be delivered;
15. **Congratulated** the RTGoNU on the recently concluded National Economic Conference and its resolutions on achieving a diversified, inclusive, stable, and sustainable economy, **called for** its full implementation to inform the nation's economic development strategy going forward. In this regard, it **welcomed** the RTGoNU's recent presentation of the data on oil revenue and expenditure for the FY 2022/2023 to the Public Finance Management

Oversight Committee and **encouraged** further operationalization of the Public Finance Management and Accountability Act;

16. **Encourage** the holding of regular platforms for dialogue, such as the UNMISS Political Parties Forum, for all Political Parties to constructively dialogue on their various positions on the conduct of the forthcoming elections, and to agree on a common strategy for the timely conduct of civic education and elections, as well as possible options for elections as scheduled;

17. **Recommended** that, with 14 months left before elections, the RTGoNU should:
 - a) provide clarity to the people of South Sudan on its elections preparedness;
 - b) expedite the reconstitution of the Political Parties Council, the National Constitutional Review Commission and the National Elections Commission, all key institutions for the conduct of free, fair and credible elections;
 - c) ensure that women's representation in the political process attains the minimum 35% threshold, including in the Constitution-making bodies and all other institutions and commissions being reconstituted;
 - d) complete the unification and redeployment of the forces and provide adequate resources to the Security Mechanisms;
 - e) fast-track presentation of the CTRH and CRA Bills before the TNLA for consideration and enactment without delay;

- f) encouraged the Parties to the Agreement to dialogue among themselves and agree on the practical steps to fast-track the implementation of the Roadmap to ensure the timely conduct of elections; and
- g) conduct civic education, fast-track the permanent constitution-making process and promote political and civic space to allow citizens to exercise their democratic rights.

18. **Observed** that the lack of sufficient progress and the lack of clarity on elections preparedness, constitution-making or unification of forces, all critical pre-conditions for smooth and successful elections, is creating uncertainty amongst the population, and **encouraged** the RTGoNU to consolidate the peace dividends achieved over the last five years by fully implementing the Revitalised Peace Agreement in letter and spirit and by holding a timely democratic transition.

19. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be 09th November 2023; and

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

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