



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

**Final**

**Resolution of the 6<sup>th</sup> RJMEC Meeting held at**

**Palm Africa Hotel, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Juba, South Sudan**

The Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Ambassador Lt. General Augustino S.K Njoroge (Rtd).

In attendance were the representatives of the Parties to the R-ARCSS, other South Sudanese stakeholders, Regional Guarantors and International Partners and Friends of South Sudan in RJMEC, namely:

**For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:**

1. Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro (Incumbent TGoNU)
2. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth (Incumbent TGoNU)
3. Hon. Awut Deng Acuil (Incumbent TGoNU)
4. Hon. Dhieu Mathok Diing (Incumbent TGoNU)
5. Hon. Sophia Pal Gai (Incumbent TGoNU)
6. Amb. Stephen Par Kuol (SPLM/A-IO)
7. Mrs Sandra Bol Malual (SPLM/A-IO)
8. Hon. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol (SSOA)
9. Mr. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
10. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

**For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:**

1. Mr. Mohamed El Hassan Abdel Morjan (Faith based leader)
2. Rev. John Okumu (Faith based leader)
3. Prof. Moses Macar (Eminent Personality)
4. Prof. Francis Deng (Eminent Personality)
5. Ms. Ayak Ngor Malek (Women Bloc)
6. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (CSO Alliance)

7. Mr. Biel Boutros Biel (CSO Forum)
8. Mr. Simon Akuei Deng (Business Community)
9. Prof. Onesmo Yabang (Academia)
10. Mr. Malish John Peter (Youth)

**For the Regional Guarantors:**

1. H.E. Teferi Taddesse Heigyane (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Gilbert K. Ng'eno (Kenya)
3. H.E. Hussein Haji Ahmed (Somalia)
4. H.E Adil Ibrahim Mustafa (Sudan)
5. H.E. Brig. Gen. Ronnie Balya (Uganda)
6. H.E. Gordon M. Yekelo (South Africa)
7. H.E. Obina Chukwuemeka Agbugba (Nigeria)
8. Mr. Tesfaye Negassa (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)
9. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)

**For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan:**

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Ms. Signe Gilen Guro (Norway)
3. H.E. Thomas Hushek (USA)
4. H.E. Charles Moore (UK)
5. Mr. Alain Noudehou (UNMISS)
6. H.E. Sinead Walsh (EU)
7. H.E. Janet Alberda (IPF)

**For RJMEC Secretariat:**

1. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff - Strategy, RJMEC
2. Dr. Job Akuni, Governance Advisor, RJMEC.

### **For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:**

1. Hon. Henry Odwar, Co-Chairperson NPTC
2. Mr. Godfrey Gichira Kibara, Chairperson NCAC
3. Maj. Gen. Desta Abiche, Chairperson CTSAMVM
4. Gen. James Koang, Co-Chairperson JDB
5. Mr. Denay Chagor, Co-Chairperson SDSR Board
6. Lt Gen. Wesley Welebe Samson, Co-Chairperson JTSC
7. Maj. Gen. Genesisio Moro, Head of JMCC Secretariat

### **Observers:**

1. H.E. Jan Hendrick van Thiel (Germany)
2. H.E. Dr. Ahmed Bahaa Eldin (Egypt)
3. Ms. Joane Holliger (Switzerland)
4. H.E. Seiji Okada (Japan)

The 6<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items for deliberations:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Report from the National Pre-Transitional Committee (NPTC);
- c) The minutes of the last meeting;
- d) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- e) Report from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC);
- f) Discussions
- g) Date of the next RJMEC meeting
- h) AOB
  - delays in the reports of the Agreement Mechanisms, and
  - Strengthening the reports of the Agreement Mechanism.
- i) Resolution of the meeting.

Following the statement by the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, a briefing by the representative of the UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the NPTC, CTSAMVM, NCAC, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC, the RJMEC meeting resolves as follows:

1. **Adopts** the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with an amendment;
2. **Welcomes** the statement of the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, H.E. Lt. Gen. Augustino S.K. Njoroge (Rtd) containing the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS, including his recommendations for remedial action;
3. **Thanks** Mr. Alain Noudehou, the Deputy SRSG UN RC/HC, for his briefing, and the Chairpersons of the NPTC, CTSAMVM, NCAC, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC and JMCC for their reports to the plenary, and **commends** the Agreement institutions and mechanisms which submitted their implementation status reports on time;
4. While **noting** the reservations expressed by the South Sudan Civil Society Alliance, **welcomes** the decision of the Parties, endorsed by the IGAD Council of Ministers to extend the Pre-Transitional Period of the R-ARCSS by six (6) months with effect from 12 May 2019 to enable the Parties to conclude implementation of the critical activities within the extended period; and in that regard, **urges** the Parties to expedite the implementation of all the pending Pre-Transitional tasks;
5. **Takes note** of the report that the Constitutional Amendment Bill incorporating the R-ARCSS into the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011 (as amended) has been withdrawn from the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) to enable the NCAC to incorporate the six (6) months extension of the Pre-Transitional Period into the Bill, and **urges** the latter to expedite it accordingly;
6. **Notes with appreciation** the pledge by the Incumbent TGoNU to avail USD 100 million to finance the implementation of the key critical tasks of the extended Pre-Transitional Period of the R-ARCSS, **appreciates** the initial disbursement of USD 2 million to the Joint Defense Board to commence the cantonment of forces, and **urges** the Incumbent TGoNU to expedite the full disbursement of additional funds consistent with the timelines and work plans of the security mechanisms;
7. **Takes note** of the outcomes of the workshop of the transitional security mechanisms co-convened by the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan and RJMEC, pursuant to the directive of the IGAD Council of Ministers, to determine clear implementation schedules of the pending tasks of the Pre-Transitional Period;
8. **Commends** the Parties for reaching an agreement on the size of the Necessary Unified Forces at 83,000 that includes; the military, the National Police, State Police, the National Security Service, the Prisons Services, Wildlife Services, and the Fire Brigade, and **encouraged** by their agreement to a ration of 50% Government contributions and 50% contributions from the opposition to the the Necessary Unified Forces;

9. **Further commends** the transitional security mechanisms for refining their work plans and timelines, and is **further encouraged** by their beginning to operationalise the cantonment process;
10. **Notes** the reported capacity gaps in the various transitional security mechanisms, and in that regard **appeals** to the Incumbent TGoNU to urgently request the IGAD Member States, regional and International Partners, as well as Friends of South Sudan to consider providing security and logistical expertise to the transitional security mechanisms;
11. **Encouraged** by the report of the dissemination of the Peace Agreement, including plans by the NPTC to reach out to various IDP camps in South Sudan and the refugee communities in neighbouring countries, and the South Sudanese Diaspora; and **urges** the latter to enhance its collaboration with the other stakeholders in this regard;
12. **Further encouraged** by the briefing of the representative of UNMISS on the improved humanitarian access and further **appeals** to the Parties to continue with their commitment to facilitate unhindered humanitarian access;
13. **Appreciates** CTSAMVM's report that the ceasefire has been generally holding in most of the country, with exceptions of minor incidents which led to tension in Yuai and Terekeka areas;
14. **Concerned** by the reported financial challenges that continue to affect CTSAMVM's smooth implementation of its mandate, and **urges** the regional guarantors, partners and international community to provide additional financial support to CTSAMVM to enable it to function optimally;
15. **Encouraged** by the report of the launch of the Humanitarian Coordination Unit of the NPTC aimed at operationalization of Chapter III of the R-ARCSS, to include providing relief coordination, transportation of the internally displaced persons and repatriation of refugees; and **further encouraged** by the report of the enhanced national framework for return and reintegration of returnees, refugees and internally displaced persons; **urge** the ITGoNU to further coordinate with the UN agencies for a dignified return home of returnees and IDP's.
16. **Commends** the NCAC for the progress made in reviewing the national security legislations, namely: *SPLA Act, 2009*; *Police Service Act, 2009*; *National Security Act, 2014* (as amended), *Prision Service Act, 2011* and *Wildlife Service Act 2011* and including the *Political Parties Act, 2012*, to bring their provisions into conformity with the R-ARCSS;

17. **Encouraged** by the commitment of the Parties demonstrated at the recent security-related institutions workshop (10-11<sup>th</sup> May) to commence cantonment of the forces by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, and in that regard **urges** the Parties to adhere to their commitment and operationalise cantonment and barracking of all forces as agreed;
18. **Directs** that all forces withdraw from civilian centres by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, and **requests** CTSAMVM to verify the same;
19. **Reiterates** its appeal to the Agreement institutions and mechanisms to adhere to the 72hrs deadline of submission of formal reports on the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS to RJMEC Secretariat for circulation to the RJMEC members ahead of each monthly plenary;
20. **Decides** that CTSAMVM and members of the security-related institutions undertake regular joint field visits to the cantonment sites, to be reported to the Plenary;
21. **Welcomes** NCAC's pledge for an open dialogue with the security-related institutions;
22. **Agrees** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting shall be on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019; and
23. **Decides** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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