



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

15th RJMEC Meeting

Palm Africa Hotel, 26 November 2020, Juba, South Sudan

The 15th meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 26 November 2020 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. Michael Makuei Lueth (I-TGoNU)
3. Hon. Jemma Nunu Kumba(I-TGoNU)
4. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
5. Hon. Peter Mabior Riiny (SSOA)
6. Hon. Isaiah Hakim Garang (FDs)
7. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

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. Pauline Riak (Academia)
4. Prof. Francis Deng (eminent Persons)
5. Ms. Jackline Nasiwa (Women Coalition)
6. Mrs. Mary Akech Bior (Womens Bloc)
7. Mr. Rajab John Mohandis (CSO Forum)
8. Mr. Akuoch Ajang (CSO Alliance)
9. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)

For the Regional Guarantors

1. Mr. Daniel Samuel (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Ali Mambo (Kenya)
3. Mr. Gamal M. A. Goraish (Sudan)
4. Mr. Shafie N. Farah (Somalia)
5. Mr. Kabugudho (Uganda)
6. Mr. Judah Muoh (Nigeria)
7. Mr. Machiel Van Nieverk (South Africa)
8. H.E. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)
9. Mr. Elijah Osiro (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. H.E. Hua Ning (China)
2. Amb. Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. Mr. Jon F. Danilowicz (USA)
4. Amb. Chris Trott (UK)
5. Mr. Guang Cong (UNMISS)
6. Amb. Christian Bader (EU)
7. Mr. Michel 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. Godfrey Gichira Kibara, Chairperson, NCAC
2. Mr. John Scudder, Chief of Staff, 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. Dr. Olaw Adiang Nyijok, Head of secretariat JTSC
7. Lt. Gen. Charles Madut Akol, Chairperson JMCC
8. Hon. Madam Angelina Teny, Chairperson SDSR Board
9. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson, DDR Commission

Observers

1. Ms. Haruna Maki (Japan)
2. Mr. Mohamed Elbadry (Egypt)
3. H.E Urban Sjostrom (Sweden)

4. H.E. Marc Trouyet (France)
5. H.E. Manuel Muller (Germany)
6. Ms. Joane Holliger (Switzerland)

The 15th 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 DSRSG;
- e) Reports from Agreement institutions and mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission);
- f) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's Statement, RTGoNU report, UNMISS DSRSG 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 DSRSG, and after considering the reports from the RTGoNU, NCAC, CTSAMVM, SDSR Board, JDB, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Adopted** the minutes of the 14th RJMEC meeting held in Juba, South Sudan on 30 September 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 report by the RTGoNU on the status of implementation of the R-ARCSS, in particular on progress already made in the responsibility sharing of states and local government, and on allocation of state advisors, state ministers, state legislature, as well as sharing of state commissions and counties.
4. **Further welcomed** RTGoNU report that the governance cluster has reviewed and approved all the six (06) Security Sector Bills, submitted by the NCAC a long time ago, and that the Bills are now ready for Parliamentary ratification.
5. **Thanked** Mr. Guang Cong, the UNMISS Deputy SRSG for his briefing and also the Chairpersons or representatives of the NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR

Board, JTSC, 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 outstanding tasks;

6. **Thanked** the outgoing United Kingdom Ambassador Chris Trott for his dedicated service and contribution to the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan, both as UK Special Envoy and UK Ambassador and as member of the RJMEC, and **wished** him success in his new appointment;
7. **Took note** of the progress made by the NCAC in the review of the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011 and the Southern Sudan Audit Chamber Act, 2011 both scheduled to be validated on 30 November 2020 and 1 December 2020, as well as ongoing review of the Petroleum Act, 2012, and Petroleum Revenue Management Act, 2013, and **appealed** for enhanced financial and logistical support to NCAC and all the institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement to enable them to deliver on their mandates;
8. **Commended** the Community of St. Egidio and CTSAMVM for successfully convening the technical implementation workshop on the Rome Resolution of February 2020 to pave way for the inclusion of SSOMA into CTSAMVM structures and **encouraged** the parties to continue their political dialogue, make compromises and ensure an inclusive peace process. In this regard, **it welcomed** the next round of Rome talks scheduled to take place from 2 - 6 December 2020 and **urged** the parties to make further progress;
9. **Took note** of the progress registered in the efforts of the inter-party '*High-Level Committee for the Establishment of State and Local Government Structures and Responsibility Sharing*' in negotiating various positions at the sub-national level and **urged** the Parties to fill all the various positions, including those that have already been agreed upon and to urgently resolve the outstanding ones;
10. **Called upon** the Parties to conclude the appointment of the governor of Upper Nile State, which would help address the current instability being reported in the State;
11. **Took note** of the progress made by the RJMEC Secretariat 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 submitted the names of their representatives, and appealed to those who have not yet submitted to do so without any further delay;

12. **Welcomed** the reconstitution of the RJMEC Working Committees and congratulated those committees that have begun their work. In this regard, it **commended** the relevant ministries which have nominated their technical representatives to the different committees and **urged** the RTGoNU clusters and the remaining designated line ministries to submit their nominees without any further delay;
13. **Appreciated** the clarification by the RTGoNU that the revised Implementation Matrix for the Transitional Period is not intended to constitute an amendment to the R-ARCSS, but rather to revisit and revise the timelines of all pending tasks for the Transitional Period.
14. **Requested** the RTGoNU to instruct the National Transitional Committee (NTC) to regularly brief the RJMEC meetings on their efforts in coordinating effective and full implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements, including availing requisite funding to the mechanisms;
15. **Noted with serious concern** the overall slow progress in implementation of the R-ARCSS, with critical Pre-Transitional and Transitional Period tasks, such as unification of forces, DDR, reconstitution of TNLA and reconstitution of some governance structures, various Commissions and Institutions still outstanding, and **urged** the RTGoNU and the respective mechanisms of the Agreement to redouble their efforts;
16. **Expressed concern** that the humanitarian situation remains dire, as reported by UNMISS, with close to 6.5 million people projected to face severe or acute food shortages in the months ahead due to extensive flooding and torrential rains and **appealed** for more humanitarian assistance to the affected population. In this regard, it **condemned** all forms of attacks on aid workers, including the reported recent attacks on humanitarian convoys by armed actors in Lakes State and **appealed** for unhindered access for all aid convoys and protection of humanitarian workers;
17. **Expressed serious concerns** with growing incidents of military personnel defections or change of allegiances amongst the Parties to the Agreement which has regrettably resulted in incidents of fighting, thereby undermining trust building and confidence in the peace process. In this regard, it **appealed** to the Parties to fast-track and complete the unification of the forces and prioritise DDR to discourage defections. It further **tasked** the CTSAMVM to verify the alleged

incident that took place at Moroto on 26 November 2020 and report to the RJMEC;

18. **Urged** the I-TGoNU, SPLM/A-IO, SSOA and OPP to urgently submit their lists of nominees to the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) and for the Parties to immediately reconstitute the TNLA and the Council of States, two critical legislative institutions of government, whose operationalization 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;
19. **Noted with serious concern** the dire state of some cantonment sites and training centres lacking food, medicines and other essential resources and supplies, resulting in some ex-combatants abandoning cantonment sites and training centres, as reported by CTSAMVM, and **urged** the RTGoNU to avail the adequate funding, commit to driving the implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements (TSA) forward at a faster pace, and **tasked** the JDB to report on the state of the various cantonment sites and training centres to the next RJMEC meeting.
20. **Regretted that** community-based violence has continued since the last RJMEC meeting, notably in Jonglei and Warrap states, and **urged** the government and all stakeholders to continue efforts in addressing sub-national conflicts through dialogue and complementary initiatives. In this regard, it **reiterated** its appeal for more humanitarian assistance to those displaced by these conflicts and other factors, such as flooding;
21. **Further regretted** continuing incidences of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in some parts of the country and **appealed** to the RTGoNU and all stakeholders to put in place measures to curb this vices;
22. **Tasked** the JDB to brief the next RJMEC meeting on its plans for the completion of the unification of forces, and the graduation and redeployment of all trained unified forces, including progress made in addressing issues concerning command structures and ranks;
23. **Regretted** the continued occupation of 16 civilian centres contrary to Article 2.2.3.1 of the R-ARCSS by the SSPDF as reported by CTSAMVM. In this regard, it **directed** the JDB to ensure that all occupied civilian buildings are vacated

without exception and to report to the next RJMEC meeting on the status of implementation of this directive;

24. **Appealed** to the RTGoNU to provide the necessary logistics 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;
25. **Reiterated** the importance of the Resource, Economic and Financial Management provisions envisaged in Chapter 4 to all people of South Sudan, and **urged** their timely implementation, including establishment of the Economic and Financial Management Authority, the Anti-Corruption Commission and the National Audit Chamber;
26. **Reiterated** its request to the RTGoNU to initiate and fast track implementation of all the Chapters of the Agreement, including establishment of the 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 of South Sudan;
27. **Reiterated** its appeal to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan for continued and enhanced financial, political and in-kind support to the full implementation of the R-ARCSS;
28. **Agreed** that the date for the next regular RJMEC meeting will be 15 December 2020; and
29. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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