



Opening Statement

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CTSAMVM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,
IGAD Representative,
RJMEC Representative,
Defense Attachés,
Observers,
Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

Welcome to the CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting. I express my sincerest gratitude for your attendance and contributions to addressing the issues affecting the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

During this reporting period, the ceasefire remains in effect in the areas accessed by CTSAMVM's Monitoring and Verification Teams. However, there have been isolated incidents of insecurity by unidentified gunmen. CTSAMVM strongly condemns these acts and urges the Signatory Parties of the R-ARCSS and those involved in other peace negotiation platforms for South Sudan to find peaceful resolutions to all matters. This is essential for allowing the citizens of South Sudan to enjoy lasting peace and stability.

Today, while there is no report to discuss, we must address critical security updates and ongoing investigations. We are deeply concerned that many of CTSAMVM's planned activities are being canceled or postponed by institutions meant to support our operations. The Joint Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JVMM) has not promptly approved CTSAMVM's November Dynamic Air Patrols (DAPs), which are essential for initiating investigations. This delay significantly impacts key patrol activities, resulting in their cancellations.

The investigation into the killings of civilians in Wonduruba has generated significant anticipation from CTSAMVM. The CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) and the CTSAMVM Board are eager to receive the report. However, due to a lack of approval for Flight Safety Assurance (FSA), the Juba Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) could not join the planned United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) integrated patrol that departed for Wonduruba on November 12, 2024. CTSAMVM urges all entities responsible for supporting its operations to collaborate and provide their full assistance at all times to ensure a timely response to investigate violations.

Further, CTSAMVM reiterates that clause 2.1.10.6 of the R-ARCSS prohibits parties from limiting movement and access restrictions on CTSAMVM personnel when performing their duties as prescribed by its mandate. Article 11 paragraph 5 of the ACoH obligates the Signatory Parties to cooperate with it in the discharge of its functions fully and to allow and grant unhindered access to monitor all areas under control, while Article 12 prohibits obstruction or interference with the movements and work of CTSAMVM. We call upon and urge the parties to ensure compliance.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

CTSAMVM, in support of the RJMEC and UNMISS, participated in three outreach workshops; one held at Lemon Gaba in Juba aimed to enhance civic space and community engagement regarding the Revitalized Peace Agreement, its current status, pending tasks, and the way forward, particularly in light of the recent extension of the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) mandate.

On November 6, 2024, CTSAMVM presented at a civil society event hosted by the JICA Alumni Association at Juba Regency. The presentation focused on the mandate of CTSAMVM, the protection of civilians, and provided an update on the implementation of Chapter 2 of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS).

On November 7, 2024, CTSAMVM supported the RJMEC by presenting at a UNMISS grassroots outreach event in Muniki. The audience included 60 faith-based leaders, and the discussion centered on the peace process, the unification of forces, and the protection

of civilians, particularly concerning the recruitment of child soldiers and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

Additionally, CTSAMVM participated in a seminar on gender mainstreaming in the peace-building process and gender security reform in South Sudan. This seminar aimed to build the capacity of South Sudan's security sector professionals by equipping them with gender-responsive tools that enhance transparency and accountability within the sector.

Finally, MVT Yambio has undertaken a Long Duration Patrol (LDP) to Maridi and Mundri West to assess the security situation in the area until November 16, 2024.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

CTSAMVM is dedicated to carrying out its mandate of monitoring, verifying, and reporting to the RJMEC and the IGAD Council of Ministers. We commend the efforts of the International Observers, the Senior National Liaison Officers, and the National Monitors for their tireless work in contributing to this process.

With these remarks, I declare this CTC meeting open and invite the Senior Party Representatives to share their comments.