



Opening Statement

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Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,
Deputy Chairperson,
IGAD Representative,
RJMEC Representative,
Defense Attachés,
CTSAMVM Secretariat,
Observers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

It is my great honor to warmly welcome you to the CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) meeting. Allow me to express my sincere appreciation to you for your presence to address issues relating to the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.

To begin with, CTSAMVM continues to conduct its monitoring and verification engagements while reporting to the IGAD and RJMEC.

CTSAMVM will be more reliant on joint activity with UNMISS and is developing better coordination mechanisms to ensure monitoring and investigations are sustained.

Today, as we convene the CTSAMVM Technical committee meeting which is a crucial forum to delve into matters of utmost importance, our commitment to peace and stability in South Sudan remains unwavering, and this gathering serves as a testament to our collective dedication.

At the outset, I would like to remind you that all information reported at the CTC meetings is prepared with the full involvement of both International and National Monitors at all levels. Our reports are discussed at the Joint Monitoring Coordination Office (JMCO) meetings.

Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,

Since the last CTC Meeting on 12 March 2024, CTSAMVM has not received any direct breaches of the ceasefire. The Parties are commended for this positive trend.

However, CTSAMVM has not witnessed additional deployments of the Necessary Unified Forces apart from the 6% out of the planned 83000 Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) reported at the last CTC meeting. The deployment of the National Unified Forces is critical for addressing security issues in the Republic of South Sudan and a vital prerequisite for the upcoming elections.

Cantonment Sites and Training centres continue to report the lack of logistic supplies such as food.

In regards to the roadmap of the Extended Transitional Period, CTSAMVM urges RTGoNU to quickly implement the remaining unimplemented tasks especially Chapter 2 which concerns the provision of security arrangement.

Today, we have two reports that demand our attention. The first is about the fatal incident in Nassir County between SSPDF soldiers and Armed youth where many people died including SSPDF soldiers. The second report concerns the creation of the 12th Division by the SSPDF in Rumbek, Lakes State.

Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,

As always, CTSAMVM highly values your opinions and recommendations. I ask you all to focus on the information and reports, discuss them in a collegial and professional manner and most importantly, come up with realistic solutions to protect the ceasefire.

I now declare the CTC meeting open, and invite Senior Party Representatives to make opening remarks.