



Opening Statement

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Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:

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

Good morning.

I welcome you to this meeting and express my sincere gratitude for your presence in addressing the issues affecting the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is important to emphasize that the CTSAMVM Technical Committee is where the significance of our thoughts gives quality to the most honorable process of searching for formidable solutions for sustainable peace in South Sudan.

I wish to re-focus this forum for the purpose it was intended for. It is purely a technical meeting to take practical action in response to CTSAMVM reports where necessary and provide CTSAMVM with advice and support

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

CTSAMVM remains concerned about reports of tensions where clashes erupted between armed youth and SSPDF soldiers in Nasir County, and an SSPDF soldier was killed. This area has been a hot spot with several reported clashes. Urgent action needs to be taken to ensure a return to normalcy. CTSAMVM is yet to investigate the matter.

Two more Necessary Unified Forces Battalions were deployed, making a total of eight Military Battalions that have so far been deployed, according to information provided to CTSAMVM. We asked the Joint Defense Board for details about the deployment but haven't heard back yet. The information about the April 2024 deployment of these Battalions to Jamus in Bentiu and Malakal Div 2 was not accessible to CTSAMVM at JDB's briefing of the 41st CTSAMVM Board on 23rd April 2024.

CTSAMVM has received no additional information on the occupation of civilian areas and buildings, cantonment sites and training centers since the last CTC meeting held on 20th June 2024.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we will discuss an allegation report concerning covert training and recruitment conducted by the SSPDF in several regions of Central Equatoria State. An update on the report was presented to the CTC members on 09th May 2024, when the investigation was first conducted. Unfortunately, CTSAMVM did not gain access to some of the areas to

gather more information. This is a denial of access as stipulated in Article 2.1.10.6 of the R-ARCSS.

The report is based on investigations undertaken with the full involvement of the National Monitors and discussed at the Joint Monitoring and Coordination Office with the active participation of the Senior National Liaison Officers.

I implore our senior party representatives to have candid discussions to bring forth what can be of benefit to enhance the quality of the report to support the monitoring, verification and reporting mandate of CTSAMVM.

I declare the CTC meeting open and invite Senior Party Representatives to make their remarks.