



**OUTCOMES OF CEASEFIRE TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS  
MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM (CTSAMVM)  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
<b>Acting Chairperson</b>	Maj Gen Dafaalla Hamid Mohammed	CTSAMVM
<b>Representatives from the Parties</b>	<b><u>Government/SSPDF</u></b> Maj Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen "ndc" Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur	<b><u>SPLM/SPLA-IO</u></b> Maj Gen Martin Gama Abucha Brig Gen Andrea Mangu Col Ezekile How Kuol Gatluack
	<b><u>SSOA</u></b> Maj Gen David Nyang Kueth Brig Gen Khor Zalsen Dhal Col Taban Francis	<b><u>Former Detainees (FDs)</u></b> Maj Gen Bior Leek Kuareng
<b>Secretariat</b>	Mr Louis De Leon Mr Joseph Kosen Mr Innocent Tukashaba	CTSAMVM CTSAMVM CTSAMVM
<b>CTSAMVM Staff</b>	Mr John Scudder Mr Nigel Milverton  Mr Ismail Abdi Awle Mr Ayman Ayman Ahmed Osman Ms Catherine Nyakato Ms Mary Kazarwa Mr Gou Wenjun	CTSAMVM COS CTSAMVM DCOS/Reports CTSAMVM Humanitarian CTSAMVM Operations  CTSAMVM Gender CTSAMVM Gender CTSAMVM Reports

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	Ms Samantha Minga Ms Margaret Lole Mr Moses Buwaso Ms Paska John Amis	CTSAMVM Protocol CTSAMVM Comms CTSAMVM Legal CTSAMVM
<b>In Attendance as Observers</b>	Lt Col Mandela Nelson Brig Gen Hassan M. Ahmed Col Peter Kariuki  Chief Michael W. Rusinas  Mr. Mutwakil Ahmed Mr Colin Martin	SPLM/A-IO Defense Attaché to South Sudan, Sudan Defense Attaché to South Sudan, Kenya Acting Defense Attaché to South Sudan, US IGAD RJMEC

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting (CTC) was held on Friday 11 September 2020 at the Dembesh Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown above. The Acting Chairperson, Maj Gen Dafaalla Hamid Mohammed at 1000hrs/ 10:00 am opened the meeting.

The CTC the reviewed the proposed Agenda.

The Agenda was then adopted unchanged at 1007. The Acting Chairperson then proceeded with his opening address:

<u>Item/Issue/Decision/Agreement</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p><b><u>Opening Remarks by the Acting Chairperson</u></b></p> <p>Dear CTC members, Dear Colleagues, Defense Attaché and Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen,</p> <p>Good morning. It is my pleasure to give you a warm welcome to this CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting.</p>	

May I start by noting that the Permanent Ceasefire in South Sudan remains largely intact. CTSAMVM continues to actively monitor the peace and report on breaches.

However, we still note with serious concern - and will discuss further at this meeting - operations involving NAS in Equatorial which continue to cause tension. The most significant incident since the last CTC meeting being the ambush by NAS of soldiers belonging to the bodyguard of VP James Wani Igga at Lobonok on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We have also received reports of further tensions in Tambura area of Western Equatoria State. CTSAMVM commends the efforts taken by the Governor's Peace and Reconciliation Committee to resolve issues there.

May I also note that there has been no substantive progress towards the implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements since the last CTC meeting. Trainees in Training Centres have yet to graduate, and even if they are ready there is still no plan for their deployment.

The vacation of occupied civilian buildings by the SSPDF continues, although at a very slow rate.

Today, we will discuss two violation reports. One which I already mentioned, the 19 August incident in which six members of VP Wani Igga's bodyguard were killed in an attack by NAS at Lobonok.

The other report, unfortunately involves a rape incident in Mundri.

While the recent court-martial proceedings in Yei area by the army involving sexual and gender-based violence, including rape, are welcome, CTSAMVM still continues to actively monitor this and other issues related to the protection of civilians.

We will also provide you with an update on the situation in Jonglei which has improved and also will update you about the incidents currently under investigation.

Today in this meeting we have a full agenda to follow, so let's get on to it.

I look forward to a productive meeting and to your valuable contributions today and I therefore declare this meeting officially open.

Thank you.

Upon conclusion of the Acting Chairperson's opening address, the Acting Chairperson then invited the Senior Party Representatives to make their opening remarks:

**The Acting SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative** thanked the Acting Chairman and Defense attaches, CTSAMVM colleagues and the media. He stated that on behalf of the Senior Representative, who was on his way, and Brig Gen Andrea Mangu, the other SPLM/A-IO representative, we will continue with opening remarks. The Ceasefire is still holding but intercommunal fighting is still a concern. Some may see those issues as minor but when you go deeper they are not minor but there is a political programme and that we must look into it, politicians are taking advantage of it. Not good for a country trying to be at peace. We urge those politicians behind those issues and urge civilian population to refrain from fighting. When people are at peace, good because we will not fight one another. We also urge the humanitarians to intervene because of floods that have displaced many people and to assist them. Again this is another issue for CTSAMVM and we are the new body which engages with the IDPs. We used to prioritize the issue of the IDPs and when the issue is their security we seem not pay attention to them. When there is killing we do not pay attention but when there is SGBV it is a high priority issue, let us prioritize the peace we are monitoring. Another concern is a new platform I just read the issues of the last CTC, but will elaborate more on it. The peace delegation here, we stay in hotels here in Juba but have no food. I raise this in this forum because we do not have feeding and we have been suffering for 3 to 6 months and we are here for peace. We must have feeding here in the hotels and we cannot



struggle. We urge NTC to provide feeding for the peace delegation. Lastly about training and graduation, the training sites that were occupied by soldiers, those who have not heard about graduation they deserted and when they heard about graduation they came back. For months this has happened, need CTSAMVM to follow this closely as graduation is not happening today. Also we urge the NTC to graduate the NUF to prevail with this nation. These are the few remarks I have, thank you.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** extended greetings to the CTSAMVM Acting Chairman, CTC members, Defense Attaches and the media houses. There are few reports we have here which means the situation is improving. It is a great relief that there are no incidents and the ceasefire continues to hold. We are happy that the Yei area is quiet and there are no reports of clashes between the Parties or incidents there. Regarding the issue of the graduation of the NUF it appears that preparations are in place because preparations are on-going in Greater Equatoria to put the trainees into their formations. The committees formed are moving around which is a sign of preparation. However, it gives me great concern that NAS activities are increasing in Equatoria. This is very serious because NAS activities are coming close to Juba and we urge the RTGoNU to do something about it. Lack of financial resources continue to hinder the activities of the security mechanisms and we urge NTC to provide necessary funding for the mechanisms to continue or resume their activities and this includes accommodation and feeding as mentioned by my colleague from the SPLM/A-IO. We request the humanitarian agencies to assist those affected by flooding. We welcome our new Chief of Staff, we will work with you and welcome to the CTSAMVM family my colleague Brig Gen Khor Zalson Dhal as a new member who is replacing Brig Gen Amos whom we all know. I believe he will contribute and work with the rest of the members, thank you very much.

**Brig Gen Khor** then stated that he was happy to join the members this morning, as a family I know you had a very good friend in Brig

Gen Amos and to the same friends I would like to quote, "It is a pleasure and I will do everything in my power for this committee."

**The Representative of the Former Detainees**, thanked the Deputy Chairman and recognized the presence of the Defense Attaches, media and the Parties and greeted them all. Actually, I am very glad because the Ceasefire continues to hold. There are no clashes between the Parties, but I urge the Troika especially the US and EU to seriously put an end to NAS activities. Why I make this is simply because the leadership of NAS is not present in the region in South Sudan. They are commanding from outside of Africa and for that reason you are the only one to put an end to NAS activities. Those who facilitated the Rome Declaration they can put an end to all these operations. Secondly I urge NTC to focus on cantonment sites because it is disintegrating, they [the soldiers] are leaving the cantonment sites and have gone back to the community simply because there is no food, resources, how will we expect those cantonment sites to continue with no food or medicine, they have the right to leave. No one can bring them to die of hunger, I urge NTC to double its focus on cantonment. I urge the involvement of DDR so DDR will take full responsibility of those who are left out of the army. I urge JDB to work in cooperation with DDR to screen the soldiers and urge JTSC to graduate trainees. If you graduate trainees and deploy them along the roads they would help in security, and then accusations about violations that would go to SPLM/A-IO or SSPDF would be against the NUF and they would take full responsibility of security of all these areas. I also welcome the judicial proceedings for victims of Yei. This will deter further violations as they will come down. Simply because others will see and rape cases will be reduced. Urge the International Community not only to focus on rape cases but people are dying because of floods - no one is assisting us. When it comes to rape, denial of access they run to media - but now people are dying of hunger because all people are displaced. I urge the International Community to intervene and assist those displaced from their homes.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** thanked the Acting Chair of CTSAMVM and the Chief of Staff, and greeted the members of the CTC and distinguished guests, observers and media. I have been away for a long time and I am happy to join you – and I wish a successful deliberation on the agenda mentioned by the Chief of Staff. I am happy to re-join and happy that the permanent ceasefire is holding although there are some exceptional cases mentioned such as the activities of NAS of Thomas Cirillo. When I read through the minutes of the last meeting observations and recommendations I think the CTC failed to take strong recommendations in regards to the activities of NAS because of the findings of the investigation, something has to be done. When I go back it seemed the Parties' military commanders were sanctioned if such an action is taken against NAS, this may change their behaviour and will let them abide by what they signed. Serious action must be done so we witness the cessation of hostilities. I give my voice to the Governor in Western Equatoria to restore peace and order. The concern of CTSAMVM and all of the people about graduation and deployment of NUF, currently at Training Centres, also as one of outstanding pre-transitional tasks, but JDB and the other security mechanisms are trying their best to meet what is required of them. To my knowledge, the funding request will enable them to do this, but because of the government situation it is difficult to graduate them now and the graduation programme has been changed. I know that at JTSC level there was a request some time to do a specific arrangement before graduation. This request was released and now they are doing this arrangement and when finished, NTC will fund JDB and the process of graduation will take place. Deployment is a process after graduation and there after deployment will take place. In regards to the occupation of civilian buildings it is unfortunate for it to continue. To the best of my knowledge there is no occupied building in Malakal only one in Maban occupied by forces of Kamal Luma but he may leave the place in few days' to come but not as written in the report and also in Yambio I have been briefed that all places have been evacuated in Western Equatoria. We are aware of the house of the Ambassador and also wounded heroes in the Pageri area where currently there are forces and a government



building there as well. These are three areas you should subtract and what is remaining is 4. Operations told me they will vacate. I know you consider this as violations already but I am telling you efforts being done by SSPDF and glad you will hear and acknowledge the improvement. Regarding the security situation in Jonglei and also in some parts of the county there is a need to separate inter-communal fighting and issues related to cattle raiding. This existed before the signing of the Peace Agreement and has nothing to do with it. It is an additional task and makes it difficult for the government to focus on implementation because it is the responsibility of the government to maintain peace and it is very serious and we must find a lasting solution. We are looking forward to discuss the agenda. Thank you.

With the opening remarks of the Acting Chairperson and the Senior Party Representatives having concluded, the Acting Chairperson excused the Media from the CTC meeting at 1040 hrs/10:40 am.

### **Approval of Minutes from CTC Meeting of 12 August 2020**

The Draft Minutes of the CTC Meeting of 12 August 2020 were reviewed, discussed, corrected, and then approved as the Final Minutes.

### **CTSAMVM Report**

**The Chief of Staff (COS), Office of Secretariat and Deputy Chief of Staff/Reports Office then briefed the following as the important issues and events to be addressed at this Meeting of the CTC:**

### **Important Issues and Events**

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17<sup>th</sup> CTSAMVM Board  
Training of new IOs  
JFV to Wau

18 August  
18-21 August  
27 August

Sector Coordinators, Team Leaders &  
National Monitors Workshop

31 Aug- 01 Sept

Gender Workshop

3-4 September

Visit of Minister of Defence & Security Mechanisms  
to Pantit Training Centre

4 September

Visit of Minister of Defence & Security Mechanisms  
to Masna Bira Training Centre

5 September

Announcement of Courts Martial verdicts in Yei

7 September

Visit of Minister of Defence & Security Mechanisms  
to Mapel Training Centre

7 September

UK/US Special Envoy Visit to Yei

8 September

### **Implementation Status – the Ceasefire**

- Incidents involving NAS continue to cause tension and concern. The ambush by NAS of soldiers belonging to the bodyguard of VP James Wani Igga at Lobonok on 19 August 2020 was the most significant since the last CTC meeting.
- Tension between the SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO in the Wau area has been resolved.
- CTSAMVM has received reports of local incidents in Nassir, Upper Nile State. The first was of the killing of an SSPDF soldier on 5 August and subsequent alleged killing by the SSPDF of local youth, and on 4 September CTSAMVM received reports via UNMISS of the alleged killing of 2 SSPDF soldiers near Katbek (Kedbeck).

- CTSAMVM is receiving reports of further tensions in the Tambura area of Western Equatoria State, but commends the efforts being made by a Peace and Reconciliation Committee set up by the Governor to try and resolve feuds between the Balanda and Zande communities in the area.

### **Implementation Status – Cantonment**

#### **CTC 12 August 2020 Decisions:**

- To urge NTC provide the necessary resources to support the Cantonment Sites.
- To urge JDB give clear direction to Cantonment Site commanders about the way forward with Phase 2 Training.
- To urge JMCC finalise screening and designate personnel to DDR.
- To urge DDR, give clear direction and inform about the numbers of personnel going to the DDR process.

#### **CTSAMVM Observations and Update:**

- Since the last CTC there has been no substantial change to the conditions in Cantonment Sites and Barracks previously reported.
- Since the last CTC in Aug, 08 visits conducted to following sites:

<b>Name of Cantonment</b>	<b>Date of MVT Visit</b>
Ashwa (SPLM/A-IO)	20 Aug
Lowereng (SPLM/A-IO & SSOA)	12 Aug
Wunyik (SSPDF barracks)	12 Aug
Wau (SSPDF barracks)	27 Aug

Yambio (SSPDF barracks)	19 Aug
Torit (SSPDF barracks)	27 Aug
Malual Chat (SSPDF)	27 Aug
Wunaliet (SPLM/A-IO)	28 Aug
Bunj (SSPDF)	10 Sept

- The situation in Cantonment Sites remains desperate, with little or no food being supplied, and no information given to the commanders about when personnel might move to Training Centres or DDR. This refers to Cantonment Sites, not SSPDF Cantonment Barracks.
- CTSAMVM has received no new information concerning cantonment site resources, planning, registration or screening from JMCC or JDB.
- MVT Juba has resolved access problems to Wunaleit Cantonment Site.
- It is no longer possible for CTSAMVM to give any sort of overall estimate of the numbers of personnel remaining in Cantonment Sites. Anecdotal evidence suggests many have left, but Cantonment Site commanders are often reluctant to give figures.
- A few examples:
  - The Commander of Wunaliet Cantonment site reported that 1,300 personnel from the original 5,000 had left because of lack of food and medicines. He stated that the Cantonment Site had received no food from the Government and they had to rely on "other sources".
  - At Lowereng Cantonment Site there should be about 500 personnel. Only 138 remain; the others have left. There was a food delivery on 17 June 2020.

#### Recommendations:

- Urgent action is taken by JDB in order to stop the slow disintegration of the cantonment system. Until the current cohort of trainees at Training Centres are graduated and the next phase of training started, personnel currently in Cantonment Sites must be maintained in order to prevent large numbers of combatants returning to the community.
- Immediate measures by JDB/JMCC should include:
  - The provision of urgently-needed food, shelter and medical support.
  - Clear instructions to Cantonment Site Commanders about plans for the future.
  - Further registration in order to confirm numbers in Cantonment Sites, and the completion of the screening process.

### **Implementation Status – Training of Necessary Unified Forces**

#### **CTC 12 August 2020 Decisions:**

- To urge NTC provide graduating trainees with the equipment and logistics they require.
- To urge JDB ensure that all graduating trainees and trainers receive incentives.
- To urge JDB ensure that trainees shall be distributed evenly and maintain a balance of forces in the Training Centres in accordance with the agreement.
- To urge JTSC make a uniform training syllabus available.
- To urge JTSC improve the training quality to ensure that all trained NUF will follow up with the requirement of Minister of Defense to implement Chapter II of R-ARCSS, and to maintain and defend the cohesion of the Republic of South Sudan.

#### **CTSAMVM Update:**

- Since the last CTC there have been 08 visits to training centres.



Name of TC	Date of Visit	Name of TC	Date of Visit
Maridi	19 Aug	Masna Bira	5 Sep
Pantit	21 Aug	Mapel	7 Sep
Gorom	24 Aug		
Rajaf	14 Aug		
Morota	23 Aug		
Pantit	4 Sep		

- Visited Alelo and Owinykibul training sites yesterday
- There has been no substantive change to the situation since the last CTC meeting.
- CTSAMVM is not aware of any concrete plans to graduate trainees.

### **Recommendations**

- CTSAMVM urges the JDB and JTSC to formulate and issue clear plans for the completion of training at Training Centres, and the subsequent equipping and graduation of all trainees.
- CTSAMVM also recommends that as a matter of urgency JDB finalises plans for the deployment of trainees once they graduate.

### **Parties will vacate all civilian buildings**

### **Decisions from CTC 12 August 2020:**

*CTSAMVM to verify those buildings which are reported to have been vacated.*

### **Update by CTSAMVM:**

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CTSAMVM has undertaken a legal review into the legality of the occupation of Ambassador Androga's house by the SSPDF. The resultant legal opinion is that technically the occupation remains in violation of the R-ARCSS. CTSAMVM recommends that responsibility for the security of the house is taken over by the SSNPS.

**Summary of Occupied Buildings as at 3 September 2020**

S/No	MVT	OCCUPIED	
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO
1	MALAKAL	1	
2	YAMBIO	1	
3	TORIT	8	
4	YEI	4	
SUB TOTAL		14	
TOTAL		14	

**JMCO Update**

- Violation reports
- Protection of Civilians update.
- Jonglei Violence update.
- Incidents under investigation

All discussed at JMCO meetings

## **Violation Reports**

### **Report 2020/06 – Ambush at Lobonok 19 August 2020**

The ambush by NAS of 9 members of VP James Wani Igga's bodyguard at Lobonok on 19 August which resulted in 6 fatalities. Key points are:

- NAS issued a very clear statement claiming responsibility for the ambush. It is very difficult for CTSAMVM to investigate incidents involving NAS because CTSAMVM has no contact with NAS, but in this instance the fact that NAS clearly claimed responsibility has meant CTSAMVM is able to present a balanced report.
- This was a clear violation of the COHA by NAS, which has so far failed to comply with any of the commitments made in Rome.
- This incident emphasises the importance of NAS joining the peace process, and CTSAMVM continues to recommend that all efforts are made at the political level to engage with NAS and persuade them to respect the ceasefire and implement the provisions of the Rome resolution.

### **Report 2020/07 – Rape in Mundri**

On the night of 3/4 August 6 men entered a compound in Mundri, gang raped 2 girls and looted property. Key points are:

- The fact is that SPLM/A-IO soldiers were involved in the gang rape of 2 girls (both of whom were minors), and this constitutes a clear violation of the R-ARCSS.
- However, the SPLM/A-IO took all necessary actions to ensure the perpetrators were arrested and held accountable for their actions. They are currently in jail awaiting trial.
- CTSAMVM commends the SPLM/A-IO and the authorities in Mundri for their timely response to the incident.
- CTSAMVM recommends that the SPLM/A-IO takes appropriate remedial action to ensure that all their personnel get the training and disciplinary instruction necessary to make them aware of the consequences of committing acts of rape and SGBV.

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### **TOPIC: Protection of Civilians update**

- At the CTC of 12 August CTSAMVM presented a summary of SGBV incidents that have been or are being investigated. Most of these are in Central Equatoria.
- On 7 September 2020 the verdicts of the Courts Martial in Yei were announced publicly. There were 26 convictions in all of which 17 involved rape/SGBV resulting in sentences of 6-14 years in prison.
  - The verdicts were welcomed by the local community.
  - CTSAMVM will analyse the verdicts and relate them to outstanding CTSAMVM SGBV cases.
- CTSAMVM plans to submit an SGBV trends report in due course.
- Displacement of civilians:
  - CTSAMVM is concerned that large numbers of civilians continue to be displaced as a result of tension and insecurity.
  - Recent examples include the displacement of 73 families as a result of the NAS activities in Lobonok on 19 August 2020, and the continued displacement of some 5,000 people in the Tambura area as a result of continued tensions following the incidents in June.
- Attacks against civilians.
  - Civilians continue to be subject to attacks by groups of armed men.
  - Recent examples include the ambush and looting of a truck containing humanitarian supplies at Rubeke on 10 August, and the ambush and looting of a civilian vehicle near Yei on 1 September which left 2 civilians dead.

### **TOPIC: Jonglei Violence Update**

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- Jonglei state is currently experiencing a period of relative peace, although rumours persist of possible revenge attacks by Murle youth from GPAA against Dinka and Nuer youth in Jonglei state.
- The Jonglei State administration has been working hard to prevent revenge attacks, and to get those who have fled the attacks to return home.
- CTSAMVM has found no concrete evidence to support suggestions that the Parties have actively directed the recent violence in Jonglei State.

#### **TOPIC: Incidents Under Investigation**

- **Recruitment:** Allegations of SSPDF recruitment in DIGALA.
- **Fighting at Tambura, 18 June 2020:** Operations involving the death of Brigadier General Santo Ali and the subsequent displacement of 5,500 civilians. *NOTE: The MVT in Yambio has completed a report into this incident, but it is a complex and sensitive issue which needs further discussion at the JMCO.*
- **Incident involving SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO Kupringap Bridge, 18 July 2020.** Allegations of forced disarmament of SPLM/A-IO by SSPDF and the operation of an illegal checkpoint by SPLM/A-IO. Subsequently civilians were detained by SPLM/A-IO and soldiers were detained by SSPDF.
- **NAS Attack on SSPDF at Gorom.** 05 August 2020, 07 Civilians and 03 Soldiers killed.
- **Incidents in Nassir.** On 7 August an SSPDF soldier was found dead in the outskirts of Nassir which allegedly led to the killing of some local youths by the SSPDF. Also CTSAMVM received allegations through UNMISS allegations that 2 SSPDF soldiers were killed while fishing near Katbek (Kedbeck) (near Nassir) on about 4 September.
- **Incidents in Ruweng:** During a visit to Ruweng on 25 August CTSAMVM was informed by the local authorities of an alleged attack by SPLM/A-IO forces at Wunkir on 8 July.
- **Ambush of civilian vehicle** and killing of 2 civilians near Yei on 1 Sep 20. The local authorities have accused NAS, but so far there has been no claim of responsibility

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**DISCUSSION ON CTSAMVM REPORT – IMPORTANT ISSUES AND EVENTS, STATUS OF CEASEFIRE, IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF CANTONMENT AND TRAINING, VACATION OF CIVILIAN OCCUPIED BUILDINGS, JMCO UPDATE TO INCLUDE VIOLATION REPORTS, PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN UPDATE, UPDATE ON INTERCOMMUNAL VIOLENCE/VIOLENCE IN JONGLEI, INCIDENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** suggested that the meeting discuss section by section. He then stated that he had many questions; When did CTSAMVM last meet with the security mechanisms to discuss issues and challenges and other needs of the Cantonment sites? When did CTSAMVM last meet with JTSC to discuss the graduation plans? And when did CTSAMVM visit the JDB to discuss the deployment of forces. I am happy to note that CTSAMVM has noted that occupation of the Ambassador's house is in residential area and therefore is a violation. I would like to remind that these facilities are all in civilian areas and schools are not allowed to be occupied by the forces. These facilities have civil functions the same applied to Ashwa. They are civilian facilities and cannot be considered to be government facilities. Regarding NAS activities, I would like to inform that whoever is in contact with NAS to inform them that they are in violation. I would also like to know why the death of Brig Santos in Tombura is taking too long to come out yet there are recent incidents that have been investigated.

**The Acting Chairperson** stated that CTSAMVM currently has no contact with NAS and this needs political engagement and some kind of commitment of funds. Some donors will be committed and it is now in process of being done with the IGAD Special Envoy and we look forward to have them in our CTSAMVM.

**The Deputy Chief of Staff/Reports Officer (DCOS)** stated that the report involving the death of Brig Gen Santos Ali in Tambura

is now ready but needs discussion at JMCO and will be submitted at the next meeting.

**The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** further inquired why CTSAMVM is not involved in the screening of trainees at the training centres around Juba and CTSAMVM should be monitoring.

**The Acting Chairperson** stated that CTSAMVM would follow up with the MVTs.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** also suggested going slide by slide. He then stated that whenever there are visits of high profile persons like the Minister of Defence, at least one member of CTC should accompany to observe and get to know better what is really happening. Monthly field visits do not cover all these areas. The Minister of Defence visited some places that we have not been to, it would have been good if we were also involved. Also, we do not know how many workshops that CTSAMVM has conducted. The participants are at lower level, it is also good that we have a representative to see what is happening and know how they are prepared. Thirdly, we need to extend invitations to other security mechanisms to participate in meetings. Traditionally, JTSC and JMCC always used to come and give updates at the CTC meeting. I believe that stopped because of Covid-19 but since things are changing it's good to extend these invitations- they should be here. The information they come with in their report and give us is a good update so that we have first-hand information. That forum provided us with what they have achieved and what they are planning. The committees being formed by the JDB, CTSAMVM should be involved to know what is being done. Regarding Nassir, the issue of the killing of SSPDF soldiers by SPLM/A-IO has a huge consequence on the side of civilians. Seventeen (17) people have been killed altogether. There has been talk of youth mobilization. We need to conduct a joint field visit to Mandeng the HQ of SPLM/A-IO and Nassir to see what is happening there and to send a strong signal to those commanders. The JFV to Jekau made a huge impact on how to resolve the issue there.



**The Acting Chairperson** replied for visits of VIPs, CTSAMVM used to include the Liaison Officers. We are ready to give you the courtesy of visits as well. We will note that all the visits to remote areas should involve communications to the members of CTC. If anyone wants to join the visit, we welcome this. At the next meeting we will invite representatives from the implementation mechanisms – JTSC and JMCC and we will have some of them here.

**The Representative of the FDs** stated that he had many questions. Regarding the Gender Workshop, I want to know about the gender workshop. Who facilitated it and who attended it? Who attended, we want more clarification. Also we have been asking NTC to support CTSAMVM and yet CTSAMVM is supporting the Minister of Defence. From where do you get the resources to do this? Will it not contradict support from NTC? And from where did you get resources to support other departments and workshops when for 2 years we are crying of financial support. Regarding the rape case in Mundri, how did CTSAMVM determine that it was by SPLM/A-IO? On Slide 23 regarding the verdicts in Yei, CTSAMVM has determined the verdict of the Yei case. CTSAMVM is a monitoring organ but cannot determine verdict. You are not a court, you are here just to monitor, verify and report. Regarding the update in Jonglei, the CTSAMVM report says that the administration of Jonglei is working hard to let people who had fled the suspected revenge by Murle return to their homes. How did you know this? There is a need to get correct information. If there was movement coming out of Murle to Bor, how did you know it? What was your source of information? Further, the Nassir case is based on an UNMISS report – I want to see the UNMISS report. Are we working on UNMISS reports since there is no allegation from party – who reported it?

**The Acting Chairperson responded** that the Gender workshop was an internal activity for MVTs to understand how to accurately report. How we link gender with the mandate and how to make people aware is the responsibility of CTSAMVM.

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Regarding the Mundri case, it is very clear that even the SPLM/A-IO arrested the culprits and it's a clear incident report. The Jonglei Update is a matter which is not yet concrete. Even the issue of Murle we have indicated that it is a rumour. We shall investigate it and inform this at the next CTC meeting.

**The Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** stated that the report on Mundri is not accurate. These reports are sent to IGAD and RJMEC and therefore they need to be independent reports. About the Nassir incident, the mandate of CTSAMVM is very clear, to monitor and verify. We must go there and verify and not depend on UNMISS because sometimes their reports are biased.

Regarding the training of new International Observers, we were not involved and I think we need to know everything that is going on. Going back to the report of rape in Mundri, he stated that it is not related to the presentation as it includes a wife plus a sister – another minor also raped they contradict one another. There is a need for CTSAMVM to investigate. We need to go back and put in exactly what happened. There is a need to go and verify.

**The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** added that the issue of rape is very complex. I hope CTSAMVM is not saying that these individuals are guilty. If the report is to be accurate, these individuals are currently in jail awaiting trial. Do you have the right to pass a verdict on such a matter, while the alleged perpetrators are being tried? Why are we here making a verdict while they are on trial?

On the issue of Nassir, if we cannot distinguish between civilian matters and conflict we will be involved in civil matters rather than security and political matters. For example, intertribal conflict – is that our mandate? We should be very clear – but I welcome the joint field visit to Mandeng and Tuu and if necessary Kedbek (Katbek).

**The Acting Chairperson** replied to the comments on training of the International Observers. The Liaison Officers are completely

integrated and part of any activities. We can call everyone they are inside our system and have full access.

**The Deputy Chief of Staff/Reports Officer** stated that regarding Nassir and involvement of UNMISS report, this was not specifically an UNMISS report but we get information from all sorts of sources. The Team in Malakal is looking into this. The Chief of Operations is managing this and I know a team is going to fly to Mandeng and Nassir. Once again, we do not use UNMISS reports, however we get information from all sources if we hear information at UNMISS we use it.

Regarding Mundri, we are not police and we not part of justice system however we can report if there are grounds to believe that something really happened. We have no doubt in our minds, our team was accompanied by National Monitors and they signed the report. It was discussed at JMCO and it went through various stages and we have reasonable ground to believe. We do not give the names of the SPLM/A-IO soldiers who are involved, but we commend SPLM/A-IO for ensuring the culprits are brought to justice. We commend the SSPDF for taking responsibility in Yei and taking action on the soldier in Mundri is another good example.

**The Reports Officer** stated that the survivor in the Mundri report is 17 and is married. The other survivor is 16. You cannot say that just because the survivor who is 17 and married, that she is not a minor.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** stated that his concern is cultural, the mention of someone's wife and a minor.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** then asked about cantonment, was the handout updated? Is this the first or second occupation of cantonment? Was it the last figures regarding occupation by the same people or is it new occupation?

**The Acting Chairperson** stated there was no update per our last visit.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** stated that why I ask is that those who occupy, register and move to Training Centres, now some of the visits are very recent like last month in August, those still in cantonment who are being prepared for training, they need to be differentiated and want to know the difference.

**The DCOS/Report Officer** replied that when cantonment sites were established, about 43,000 were extracted for Phase 1 training. This figure included those from SSPDF and those who went directly to Training Centres. This left a residual population in Cantonment Sites of an estimated 35,000. The current population of Cantonment Sites cannot move to Training Centres until Phase 1 trainees graduate and deploy. CTSAMVM is now unable to give any sort of estimate of the number of personnel remaining in Cantonment Sites. It is apparent that many personnel have left Cantonment Sites because of lack of food and logistics, but often Cantonment Site commanders are reluctant to give figures.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** then commented that if 3750 from Ngo Alimah had moved to Training Centres someone could be confused if they were the same who had already been registered.

**The DCOS** stated that these are the ones that remain. Lowereng had 500 leave. Regarding the Training Centres, some have left – for example the commander of Alelo Training Centre said that 500 had gone home because of lack of resources. The figures are imprecise. The JMCC figures would not be the same as ours but they would be similar in terms of accuracy.

**The Gender Unit Advisor** stated that the report on Mundri refers to the survivor's age at the time of rape and they are not concerned whether the survivor is married nor not.

**The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** asked is the legal age in South Sudan for consent 18? We do not have a legal requirement here and that is why in court it is difficult to

challenge. The reports are not accurate and do not reflect cultural understanding of the issue. The reports should take into account our culture. In Bentiu they get married very young, the Chiefs will adjudicate over it if any issue arises.

**The Acting Chairperson** stated that the minimum age under international law is 18 and any signatory to these international laws is part of this. It affects all world; minimum age is 18. The dilemma is we are not the same level as the advanced world. We are following this in our reporting system.

**The Representative of the FDs** stated that I have daughters and they marry in accordance with our customs. The legality is not imposed by international law. Did CTSAMVM determine the birth certificate of the minor who was raped, how was it determined?

**The Representative of the TGoNU** stated about the graduation, there is none of us here in this room who does not know about the situation in the world, the issue of Covid-19. Even the country like USA is struggling, what about a country like South Sudan. We have to consider the issue of uniforms, their weapons and yet the country is under sanctions. They should be graduated, they have to have equipment and arms. I do not know what is delaying them to be graduated - is it economics or politics? Regarding the update from Jonglei, "rumours" is a strong word. We need a concrete source. If it is a rumour we should not entertain, we have a lot of mechanisms. Regarding the workshop without any CTC members, he asked if the CTC is only functional for one day - this is tough to condone. Regarding the Liaisons, they are liaising not taking position on behalf of the Parties and let us know what is going on at the JMCO. I was the first liaison at UNMISS I know how things should happen. Regarding the house of the Ambassador he came here and he attested that the house is not occupied by SSPDF, we have to leave this - we are just circling.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** added that discussions should be held slide by slide. Regarding the Sector coordinators, Team Leaders and National Monitors' Workshop



and Gender Workshop, may be this kind of workshop was done before. I think all of us were invited to attend a gender workshop. I see the CTC as an executive body and the Board has oversight to monitor and verify implementation. Any activity planned by leadership supposed to notify senior representatives to inform them of what will happen and request representatives to attend. This will not take much time to have some of our representatives to attend the opening session of the workshop. Maybe we can deliver something useful as well for the participants. If they are not invited, it may be misinterpreted as undermining the status of Party representatives deliberately by CTSAMVM leadership.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** further stated that the presentation says that tensions in Wau between SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO appears to have been resolved, and yet again it is recorded among the cases under investigations. I think this is not correct. What will be the purpose of this report? It will only be for record purposes but not helping the parties to resolve the issue. The outcome of this investigation will serve no purpose other than just be a record. The MVTs need to double their efforts and take these matters as urgent rather than wait for parties to resolve it. Otherwise it has no relevance.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** went on to state that we appreciate the efforts of MVTs in visiting cantonment sites and training areas but there is also a need for CTSAMVM to meet with other security agencies so that they compare otherwise the reports will not be balanced. Also the information on cantonment appears to be old from 3 to 6 months. It seems that we do not have updated information and we need to have a meeting with the heads of the mechanisms. He added it is unfortunate that soldiers are deserting the cantonments but others are still there. Why are they deserting? Because there is no food. While selecting soldiers, it is also important to know that you need soldiers who can endure. In the future what is happening in training centres may again happen in real life but it is unfortunate. Quality training as recommended, you cannot graduate them all, sometimes 10% die on training. The mechanism should solve the challenge of food and medicines so that the soldiers can come

back. The other problem of guns will be handled at the political level by UN/IGAD. Lack of equipment/rifles is likely to stop the deployment of soldiers. What is the purpose of graduating a soldier when he is not going to be deployed? To deploy a soldier, he must be armed.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** went on to state that you have a good recommendation about incentives for trainers and trainees. It is their right to have incentives, it is very good recommendation. When you deploy someone he deserves a salary because for motivation. Food is mentioned in the Agreement. For your information the incentives you are talking about, the government has not been able to pay people working for 6 months including the organized forces leave only the troops in training centers. The international community promised to support the implementation of R-ARCSS but later they declined. The lack of equipment and incentives are factors leading to desertion by soldiers. This recommendation also relates to funding. Let us be optimistic about the professional training during the Transitional Period, Commanders will continue and will not stop, it is a process until you retire or are pensioned. As long as you remain in the organized forces, training is something vital. There are still chances for commanders to conduct quality training because there is time.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** continued that the JDB had planned for graduation of trainees and they made a time table to graduate troops of 17 training centers. They requested for funding from NTC, first graduation was supposed to be on 20th of last month. The plan was changed and they are waiting. Still then, they will need the approval from principals to agree with their plan. According to the plan made, they have to form a joint command and that command will need to attend graduation sequentially and also have joint command at top level. This will contribute to confidence building among the forces.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** added that his colleague the Representative of the TGoNU spoke about the Ambassador's house – I think he met me at my office and told me

the story, he went to the CDF and explained too. Following his right to accommodation with the former Minister of Defence, he has requested the SSPDF to stay there. This person has a right to rent his house. Even soldiers have a right if we agree to stay within the residential area renting civilian houses. We cannot consider that a violation. Also regarding the occupation of civilian buildings, in Malakal only what is left is Maban. In Yambio it is zero, in Torit there is a building of former SPLA area and then the Ambassador's house need to be subtracted. The total remaining is 10. I hope that it will be zero occupation at next meeting.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** then commended the SPLM/A-IO in Mundri for apprehending the perpetrators and for their pending trial and we should encourage all our commanders to desist and fight this type of behavior. We don't discourage or deny your report but instead we should support those who are making sure that justice takes its course. We have been blaming parties that they are not cooperative but take an example of Yei, people have been sentenced to 6 -16 years in prison. Regarding the investigation into the rape incident in Mundri, he raised a concern, the report was only able to explain four of the arrested perpetrators, including the son of commander, what about the other two. Let us accept the investigation. People are not the same and if some people are given an investigation the outcomes may be different with some gaps. We need to hold a workshop if they cannot investigate properly. He noted that the SSPDF commanders also took action regarding the protection of civilians as the verdicts were announced in Yei. How can the Parties be blamed that they are not cooperating when you can see now that people are sentenced from 6 - 16 years because of what happened. They have their rules, regulations and laws - appreciate SSPDF leadership.

**The Senior Representative for the TGoNU** then stated that regarding Jonglei there is no concrete evidence. As I said before this cattle raiding and inter-communal violence existed since before we were born, not even because of today's political disagreement. It is not correct, those who are involved, someone raids cattle because he wants to marry and be rich. In the case of

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Nassir and potential insecurity it generates, as far as peace and stability, it is good we can talk about this. As far as the Agreement is concerned it is not a violation but not to be reported. We need government to help and will assist in making peace in South Sudan.

**Lastly, the Senior Representative of the TGoNU** commented on the issues under investigations. The recruitment in Digala is not correct because there is going to be unification of forces already in training schools and after DDR if there are gaps then they can be filled. However, let us wait for the investigation report.

**The Acting Chairperson** stated that CTSAMVM was ready to share with the members the deep legal analysis regarding the Ambassador's house. We appreciated his presence here so accordingly we started our homework and we will share it with you.

**The other Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** asked why the CTC was not part of the monitoring of the Training Centres. He added that the CTC system has changed and he was not familiar with it as this was his first meeting in quite some time and whatever is taking place either at CTC or CTSAMVM we should be aware of it. NTC the mechanism here in Juba is facing challenges. At the next meeting we should invite the NTC to attend the meeting so that when there is any inquiry on their side they can give an answer. He added that about the tension in Wau, it was not clear – according to him it was already resolved unless there is new tension.

**The other Representative of the SSOA** stated when we talk about rape, whether one is a minor or not it remains a crime and we condemn it. We know it was serious and we condemned it. We need to put an end to it. Happy that government is conducting an investigation and we hope it will bear fruits and come up with a better way to handle. Regarding Jonglei this has been reoccurring; are we saying that it is ok? I worry that the



investigation is taking too long and maybe we need to take more urgency. That is my worry – revenge killing.

**The SPLM/A-IO acting Liaison was granted permission for the CTSAMVM Chairperson to speak as an observer.** He stated the resources of the report are causing us discussion at the JMCO. The JMCO did not come up with points to be presented at CTC. The issue of evidence in the investigation regarding Mundri – at first I did work as a National Monitor and collected some evidence on the issue of Mundri – the ages of the wife and sister the investigation is very important. The issue of delay in investigation of the first incident is most terrible because an issue will take place after first incident and will cause delay – we have taken note of it and see that there are challenges.

**The Acting Chairperson** thanked the SPLM/A-IO Acting Liaison for the stated challenges from the technical level.

The discussion on the CTSAMVM Report then ended.

### **DECISIONS:**

***The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided:***

**Regarding important meetings and events:**

- CTSAMVM to invite members of the CTC to join VIP visits;
- CTSAMVM to invite members of the CTC to CTSAMVM Workshops;
- CTSAMVM to notify CTC members of any significant developments involving CTSAMVM such as inclusion of SSOMA;
- CTSAMVM to look into options for holding a meeting of the CTC members who are in Juba instead of the current 1 + 2 meeting format, subject to Government Regulations on COVID-19.

**Regarding Cantonment and Training and other Pre-Transitional Tasks:**

- CTSAMVM to invite representatives of NTC, JTSC and JMCC to provide updates on the status of Cantonment and Training and support for those activities;
- CTSAMVM to follow up with the MVTs on monitoring the screening of trainees at the Training Centres;
- CTSAMVM to urge JTSC to make available syllabus for training of the NUF;
- CTSAMVM to urge JTSC to improve the quality of training to ensure that all trained NUF and other security organs will follow up with the requirement of the Minister of Defense to implement Chapter II of the R-ARCSS, and to maintain and defend the cohesion of the Republic of South Sudan;
- CTSAMVM to provide outputs or meeting recaps from meetings with security mechanisms.

**Regarding the vacation of occupied civilian buildings:**

- CTSAMVM to verify those buildings which are reported by the SSPDF to have been recently vacated;
- CTSAMVM to provide an opinion to CTC members, in particular the SSPDF, on the issue of occupation of the Ambassador's residence.

**Regarding the JMCO update:**

- CTSAMVM to redouble efforts to timely investigate and report on critical incidents;
- Commends the SSPDF for the actions taken to ensure that the perpetrators of violence, including SGBV, against civilians in the Yei area were held to account;
- Urges CTSAMVM to take into account local culture and customs when undertaking reports.

**Regarding the Report 2020/06 – Ambush at Lobonok 19 2020:**

- Urges IGAD and RJMEC to take steps to contact NAS and persuade them to desist from violence and abide by the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (Dec 2017) as reaffirmed in the Rome Declaration of February 2020;
- Urges IGAD to quickly implement the Rome Declaration;

**Regarding Report 2020/07 – Rape in Mundri**

- Condemns the reported acts of rape in the report;
- Commends the SPLM/A-IO for taking quick action to hold to account the suspected perpetrators;
- Urges CTSAMVM to take into account local culture and customs when undertaking reports.

**TOPIC - Joint Field Visits**

**Update: JFV to Wau – 27 August 2020 - report by Chief of Staff (COS).**

**The COS** stated it was a good experience and commended the MVT, UNMISS and the SSPDF 5<sup>th</sup> Divisional Commander in Wau for a good reception. He observed that the civil military relationship including that of the new governor of Western Bahr El Ghazal and the relationship between the MVT and the local commanders was good and commendable. All in all we appreciate the attendance of those who participated.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** added that he was also on the JFV and it was successful and that he was the only senior representative on the visit. He commented that regarding Wau there had been a debate at the CTC with the former SSPDF Divisional Commander but that has changed with the new commander, his door is open for our MVT, he is available to discuss issues and wherever they want to go, that is a change. We also commend him for handling the incidents 18 July 2020 in a

very professional way, this is a good sign. The MVT is well organized and they took us around. The organized briefing was good as well as the meetings with the UNMISS Head of Field Office and the governor. We commend them and ask them to continue doing the same.

**Suggestions: Mandeng and Nassir for the next JFV.**

### **Any Other Business**

**The Representative of the FDs** stated that since the new leadership of CTSAMVM there had been concern that the CTC is being undermined. I am bringing this in relation to the workshop for the Board designed by leadership and communicated to the Board that few attended and we are sorry about that. This is very bad and it should not continue. After the workshop I met the Chairman and the Ethiopian Ambassador and put my concerns to them. The Chairman put it to me that I am the one who made members not to attend the board meeting, however it was the behavior of leadership and we are mandated to have all communications here. I was delegated to represent the Board for inclusivity and the Board meeting then became all-inclusive after intervention by the SSPDF Liaison Officer. Regarding the CTC meetings amending the agreement is not advisable, the issue of 2+1 including the Senior Liaison Officer for CTC meeting members is very serious and if you call us again with the same restriction nobody will attend. This is against the agreement and we suggest that all the members of the CTC be called.

**The Representative of the TGoNU** asked about the IGAD representation at the meeting. He also stated for two years we have been talking of one thing - the current formula undermines the agreement. Also we should not remain for 2 years without an incentive. We asked the IGAD Special Envoy for a meeting - bring along the CTC members, NTC, IGAD Special Envoy and RJMEC so they can know precisely who we are - we are not just a rubber stamp - we need fair treatment. The agreement has put 6 permanent persons from TGoNU. My request is can you call NTC and the IGAD Special Envoy to represent our case.

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**The Acting Chairperson** stated that IGAD Representative had another organized meeting. He was here briefly and went to attend the other meeting.

**The Representative of the Former Detainees** noted the detailed rights within the R-ARCSS and asked who were separating the members from these rights.

**The Senior Representative of the TGoNU** stated that it is true that it has never happened where a CTSAMAVM member has declined to attend a meeting it was because of their commitment to the agreement. It is also true that since the new leadership took over, the relationship between the CTSAMVM leadership and CTC members became very bad. Relationships were not built and people were not happy. The members have their roles in the CTC and they are military soldiers, and you cannot achieve an objective without soldiers especially if you do not take care of them. He urged the leadership to set the example this is your legacy – if relationship is bad it falls to you and this is legacy you leave. Regarding the current format of the 1+2 he presented them to the TGoNU members for them to take a position on leadership and wanted to see how they would react. He appreciated all colleagues and what they are saying and read the minutes. He noted that one of colleagues was appointed Governor of Warrap State and that there will be a replacement. He noted our colleagues who do not attend the CTC were not happy – our case is different we are here in Juba and we do not know how Brig Gen Andrea came. I urge you to find a way to at least have full membership of CTC. The other issue discussed was recommendations, our CTSAMVM leadership must follow up and give feedback. There is no feedback, no follow up. We are saying this for the benefit of the new Chief of Staff to remind you that without the members there is no CTC leadership. Everyone has roles and then to deny others their rights – selfishness is a very bad habit. If leaders think of their members before themselves, we will have good mechanisms. We want a harmonious mechanism and good relationship - this is a legacy required.

**The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** stated that he is reiterating the concerns of the previous speakers and that previous Chairpersons had valued the institutions attending all meetings. He urged the leadership of CTSAMVM to change their methods of work. Do you value the organization the same way we value it? Is it because of the COVID-19? If yes, then we can suspend the operations of the mechanism. If troops are not happy they will not deliver, you cannot command them if they know they are not well fed. These are issues that are up to you in leadership to tackle. I encourage you to understand be a commander of the force just not yourself.

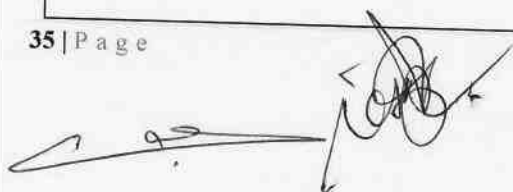
**The other Representative of the SPLM/A-IO** stated that he came to Juba on a vehicle. He reiterated what the Senior Representative of the TGoNU was saying some of our members are not happy about what is taking place in Juba. Our mandate asked me to be here in Juba no need to be in Khartoum or somewhere else. Other people not here for some reason or COVID-19. The way the meetings are organized is quite different. 1+2 is a new system – so it is surprise when any question – what is wrong as CTC. I am a member but it is not acknowledged. No one can manage how to determine suffering without a briefing. It should be a priority how CTC should attend. Also the lack of presence of other mechanisms – those who are managing maybe some challenges that is why some of members are upset. We want the reports to be correct. Maybe CTSAMVM does not care if members come or not – it is legacy. I am pleased that AOB is on the agenda to let the members stress what is in their heart.

**The other Representative of SPLM/A-IO** stated it is our right to be here as members we were not hand-picked but duly appointed. We know the meaning of the CTC – part of the Secretariat doing some activities – if there is a meeting we want to know that –we were appointed to be here – we know our role. Some verbal discussion that donors do not pay for the national component – then maybe CTSAMVM needs be downsized.

CTSAMVM is an independent institution borne of IGAD, we have a culture that we can observe something first, then they decided to reduce our number. Cannot be reduced by CTSAMVM this must be done by the party leaders. If the national components are reduced from 9 to 1 we have a right to stop, we can decide.

**The Senior Representative of the SSOA** stated that this issue I don't blame it on you Gen Dafalla. It started in Khartoum when the structure for CTC, their entitlements were left and not streamlined. The fact is we were here long enough to know the root cause of problem. You, the Deputy Chairperson, worked with the former Chairperson and former Chief of Staff tried to resolve it, then change came we do not know what happened. It is up to you now on how to deal with it – we need to bring parties concerned on board – the IGAD Special Envoy and Interim Chairman of RJMEC plus three of leaders at CTSAMVM for a one-day meeting – workshop to educate ourselves and put an end to it. Regarding the issue of participation, blame of COVID-19 and lack of resources to bring those members who are outside Juba in. It may be acceptable to have all CTC members who are in Juba let them attend. I suggest that members available in Juba can attend and then call a meeting.

**The Acting Chairperson** stated that he agreed with all of them. I want to inform you that our Chairman is busy working with IGAD especially meeting with new donors and that is why he is not here. Some of these issues, we are going to sit with senior representatives the next two weeks and we will see how we can resolve together. We may not fix them but we shall discuss. The issue of Covid-19 is still a matter of government. We have even tried to get an exemption from Ministry of Health of the 14 days' quarantine, but up to now there is no response. We cannot take responsibility of breaking a national regulation. We are an organization and we have to follow the regulations. If we get a guarantee we can bring a larger number of people who are in Juba and we can ask for a bigger room.





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**Date of next CTC**

The dates of the next meeting will be 13 October 2020.



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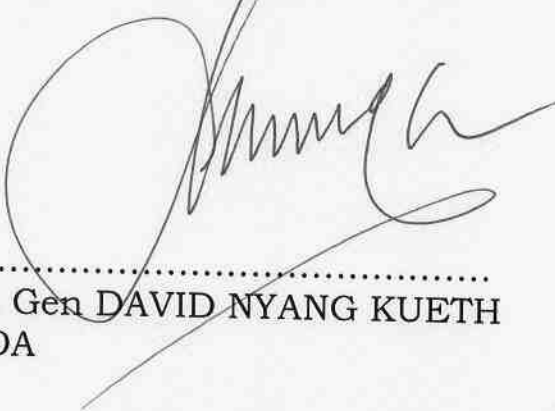




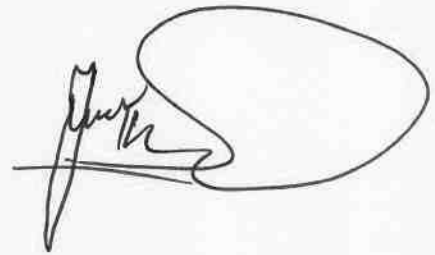
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