



Opening Statement

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

Good morning.

It is my honour and privilege to welcome you all to the third CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting of the year. Today's agenda will proceed as follows: after the opening remarks, we will receive a security update, followed by the presentation and discussion of two violation reports. Before we proceed, I would like to highlight key concerns regarding the implementation of the Permanent Ceasefire and provide an update on CTSAMVM's activities since our last meeting.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The security situation has unfortunately not totally improved since. The implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (RARCSS) 2018 remains unstable.

We have received an allegation from Bagari Payam in Wau County indicating that, at the end of March 2026, armed groups launched an attack targeting cattle camp, five SPLM/A-IO soldiers lost their lives during the attack while defending the cattle camp. CTSAMVM is following up the matter.

In the month of March, CTSAMVM has recorded 35 new allegations of ceasefire violation. More importantly, the nature of these violations has become increasingly severe. Recent incidents involve high-intensity clashes with high number of fatalities, as well as the forceful seizure of territory.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me now to brief you on CTSAMVM's operational activities.

Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) Malakal conducted Long-Duration Air Patrol (LDAP) to Abiemnom County in Ruweng Administrative Area, and Bentiu from 10 to 15 April 2026 to investigate the armed attack on Abiemnom County headquarters which resulted in mass killing of civilians including County officials.

MVT Wau similarly carried out a Long Duration Patrol (LDP) to Aweil County in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State from 13 to 17 April 2026 to ascertain the security situation in the County.

MVT Wau is scheduled to conduct a Long Duration Patrol (LDP) to Bazia Payam in Wau County from 04 - 08 May 2026 to investigate an alleged violation at Boo Bridge.

MVT Juba is scheduled to conduct a Long Duration Air Patrol (LDAP) to Western Equatoria State from 18 to 22 May 2026 to investigate alleged ceasefire violations that were reported from Makpandu in Yambio County.

On 16 April 2026, a CTSAMVM delegation engaged with the leadership of JVMM and Peacekeeping Operations to strengthen coordination. Their discussion focused on facilitating movement clearance for CTSAMVM teams and securing blanket authorization for operations, thereby improving responsiveness to reported ceasefire violations.

On 20 April 2026, I met with the IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan H.E. Ambassador Moussa Djama Ali to strengthen coordination on R-ARCSS implementation. Emphasis was on ceasefire compliance, political dialogue, and stronger international support for monitoring and verification. The Special Envoy reaffirmed IGAD's political backing and recognized CTSAMVM's role in promoting accountability and stability in South Sudan.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we will deliberate on two reports; the killing of civilians in Pankor, Ayod County between 21 and 23 February 2026, and the armed attack at the Abiemnom County Headquarters, which resulted in mass civilian fatalities.

In light of these, CTSAMVM recommends the following:

All signatory Parties should enforce strict control over personnel, prohibit unauthorized movement, and ensure accountability for violations, particularly incidents involving killings, looting, and misuse of weapons.

Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (RTGoNU) should fast-track the unification, training, and deployment of Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) to replace fragmented forces and improve discipline and cohesion.

RTGoNU should focus on restoring civilian security and addressing threats from non-signatory groups, as these remain the most critical gaps undermining effective implementation of the R-ARCS

All Parties to recommit to inclusive dialogue and full implementation of the R-ARCSS, including advancing Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) processes.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

CTSAMVM remains fully committed to its mandate of monitoring, verifying, and reporting on violations of the Revitalized Agreement. Our personnel continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication and professionalism under challenging conditions.

With these remarks, I hereby declare this meeting open and invite Party Representatives to deliver their statements.

Thank you.